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## GOVT TROOPS SMASH THROUGH RING

### Dutch Break Off Indonesian Talks

The Hague, December 11. The Netherlands announced today breaking-off of United Nations-sponsored negotiations with the Indonesian Republic and said it plans to proceed with the formation of an interim government for the other areas of Indonesia.

The Dutch had proposed to set up a federal interim republic for all Indonesia by the end of this month. In Batavia, the Indonesian news agency Antara yesterday quoted an Indonesian Republican communiqué warning that the formation of an interim government of Indonesia without the Republic would result in disaster. The Dutch delegation in Batavia has advised the U.N. Good Offices Committee that further talks with the Republic are useless as the Jogjakarta Government radically alters its viewpoints, a communiqué stated.—Associated Press.

### Not To Meet Reds, ECA Chief Says

No attempts will be made to contact the Chinese Communists during his brief China visit, Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, Economic Co-operation Administration administrator, said on his arrival here yesterday from Bangkok, en route to Shanghai.

The Marshall Plan administrator is on a quick inspection tour of ECA missions in England, China and Korea. Mr. Hoffman, accompanied by his special aide, Mr. Samuel D. Richards, will confer with Mr. Hager D. Lapham, China head of the ECA, at Shanghai during his check-up of Chinese problems arising from the present Nationalist-Communist strife.

During a brief informal press conference at Kai Tak, while the visitor awaited a PAA plane to take him to Shanghai, Mr. Hoffman denied a report that the Chinese Reds would be approached by the ECA during his stay.

On the question of dismantling German industries which he discussed with the United Kingdom ECA chief, Mr. Thomas K. Finletter, when he first stopped at London, the American executive declined to elaborate, saying "such discussions are still under way."

#### No Instructions

Before leaving Washington, Mr. Hoffman said he conferred with President Harry Truman on the China situation but he received no specific instructions for the whirlwind trip to the Far East.

After a series of rapid conferences, with special attention to data relative to current Chinese problems in preparation for his January appearance before the 81st Congress, whose appropriations will determine the scope of ECA's second-year operations in Europe and Asia, Mr. Hoffman will fly to Seoul, and thence to Tokyo.

Mr. Hoffman may see General Douglas MacArthur.

Travelling in the same plane for Shanghai was Dr. Chiang Mong-ling Chairman of the Sino-American Joint Rural Rehabilitation Commission, who, it is understood, will join in the conferences. Dr. Chiang arrived here last Friday by plane from Canton.

Among the officials greeting Mr. Hoffman at Kai Tak yesterday were Mr. G. D. Hopper, American Consul General (Hong Kong), Mr. Fred A. Hill, Vice-Consul, Mr. Q. Roosevelt, Vice-President of CNAC, Mr. O. Hamilton, Acting Director of the Civil Airport, and Mr. J. G. O'Donnell, PAA District Traffic Manager.

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### King Farouk Disowns Jericho Talks

Cairo, December 11. King Farouk of Egypt has disowned the recent Jericho conference which was reported to have asked King Abdullah of Transjordan to proclaim himself King of Palestine, the Arabic weekly Akbar El Yom, reported today.

"Egypt does not shed the blood of her loyal sons to hand the future of Palestine to those assembled in Jericho," King Farouk told the heads of the Arab League diplomatic mission in Egypt, according to the newspaper.

The heads of missions, except that of Transjordan, were summoned to Adin Palace yesterday by the chief of the Royal Cabinet, who gave them King Farouk's message, addressed to the heads of state.

King Farouk described the Jericho congress members as representing a minority and therefore not in a position to take such a decision.

"Neither do they act in circumstances which permit them to express their opinion freely and voluntarily," he said.

#### Threatens Unity

Declaring that the conference resolutions threatened Arab unity, he added: "The Egyptian army only responded to the appeal of high motives when it took up arms."

"In its efforts to liberate Palestine, my Government will continue to uphold the principles which the Arab states unanimously adopted."

On December 1, it was reported from Amman that 2,000 Arab delegates to the general Palestine Congress in Jericho, called on King Abdullah of Transjordan to proclaim himself King of Palestine.

## China's Behind-The-Scene Battle For Peace Or War

Shanghai, December 11. Peace or continued civil war is the vital issue which is being fought out behind the scenes in Shanghai at present among China's top-ranking politicians, well-informed Chinese sources, with close Government connections, told Reuters today.

The sources revealed that Premier Sun Fo's protracted efforts to form a new Government have been narrowed down to the question whether he should head a War Cabinet or one of a "peace-maker" nature, with powers to sound out the Chinese Communists for peace talks.

Little reliable news has hitherto leaked out about the current closed discussions between the Premier and the nation's political leaders gathered here, but the informant said that the eagerly awaited announcement of a new Cabinet line-up should provide a clue as to which group—pro-peace or pro-war—emerged victorious.

It is significant, however, that such well-known pro-peace elements as General Chiang Kai-shek and Shao Li-tzu, both of whom parti-

## Tu's Forces Advance In Effort To Make Juncture SITUATION IN N. CHINA

Nanking, December 11.

Major General Chang Yu-chin, spokesman of the Pengpu Communist Suppression headquarters, has announced that General Tu Yu-ming's three Army Groups have smashed through the first layer of Communist roadblocks and advanced five miles Southwards to the area between Yungcheng and Suhsien, according to Central News today.

This would leave roughly another 30 miles for General Tu's men to fight through to affect a juncture with Government forces in the South. The juncture, oppositely the keynote of the Nationalist operations plan at present, if successfully accomplished, would improve the Nationalist position tremendously.

### Advance Resumed

In a review of the military situation around Nanking, General Chang said there were now three areas of fighting North of Pengpu. They are:

1. The flatlands South West of Hsuehchow. Here General Tu's three Army Groups, totalling 200,000 fighting men, are fighting their way Southwards to join up with other Government forces stalled by strong Communist interception South West of Hsuehchow during the last three days.

2. The Nanpinto-Suangauti area 20 miles South West of Suhsien. Here General Huang Wei's 12th Army Group, encircled the last two weeks by four Communist columns, is now hitting back and has enlarged its pocket. This has permitted the construction of an airstrip for light aircraft.

3. The Hual River region. General Li Yen-nen's Sixth Army Group advancing Northwards to the rescue of General Huang's forces has now reached points about 16 miles from the trapped Nationalists.

General Chang claimed the Communists suffered 100,000 casualties since November 26 and admitted the Nationalists lost 30,000 in killed and wounded.

Central News reported that a Government armoured unit spearheading General Li's advance had recaptured seven strategic villages a little to the West of Kuchien, 30 miles North of Pengpu.

The despatch said one Communist regiment was routed in the battle and 1,000 Communists were captured. The armoured unit was personally led by Premier Sun Fo.

In this rumoured line-up, which is noteworthy for its complete exclusion of the Soong-Kung influence, General Chang Chun is down as Vice-Premier. General Pai Chung-hsi, Kwangsi Commander-in-Chief on the Central China front, as Minister of Defence. Dr. Hu Shih, non-partisan scholar and diplomat, as Minister of Education or Foreign Affairs. General Wu Tachen as Minister of the Interior, Chen Li-fu as Finance Minister, and Shao Li-tzu as Minister without Portfolio.

Rightist leader, who recently returned from a prolonged trip to Britain and the United States, is said to be head of a group arguing for continued struggle against the Communists.

### JUSMAG To Leave China

Shanghai, December 11. The Joint United States Military Advisory Group—the part of it outside the Navy—today decided to write itself off as an asset to the Chinese in fighting the civil war and has set up Operation "Double D" under which it will pull out of Nanking and move to Shanghai and then leave Shanghai as conditions warrant.

As of now, December 19 is the date on which it will be alerted to be prepared to leave Nanking and move to Shanghai. That is the first "D" day. The day when it will be alerted to pull out of Shanghai will be the second "D" day.

The United Press learned from official sources that skeletal remains of the old AAG are already set with bag and baggage to leave Nanking to come to Shanghai.—United Press.

Chief Chiang Kai-shek's second son, Chiang Wei-kuo, meanwhile, Government forces were said to be mopping up some 20,000 Communists who had retreated to South Pengpu across the Hungtze Lake. The Military News Agency said about half the Communists have been wiped out.

Another Communist guerrilla attempt to destroy the Pengpu railway line was beaten off yesterday near Chushien, 30 miles to the North of the Southern terminal.

Pro-Government reports said the Army Group commanded by General Chang Kam, marching Eastward from Southern Honan to reinforce General

The same source revealed that among informed political circles, the belief was current that the United States, through her Ambassador, Dr. Leighton Stuart in Nanking and Madame Chiang Kai-shek in Washington, was exerting strong pressure on President Chiang Kai-shek to reopen negotiations with the Reds.

The alleged United States move is being attributed to three reasons. First, the disappointment over the Nationalist Government's failure to reorganize its machinery and introduce effective reforms; secondly, the desire to avoid involvement in the Chinese civil war; and thirdly, the belief that Mao Tse-tung may prove to be another Tito.

It is thought that President Chiang Kai-shek, under pressure from peace elements at home and abroad would agree to renewed approaches to the Communists if his armies could gain a major—not necessarily decisive—success in the present battle for Nanking, a development which would render much of the face he lost through recent successive reverses and provide the Nationalists with a bargaining point.

### Tu's Columns, Had Reached

points between Kueiyang and Mengcheng, 50 and 40 miles West and South West of Suhsien. A reliable source said General Chiu Ching-chuan, Commander of one of three Army Groups under General Tu Yu-ming, has wired President Chiang Kai-shek expressing his confidence of breaking through the Communist interception.

He told President Chiang "there is nothing to worry about our position" but asked for more planes to support his drive Southwards.

### Cross Railway

Amidst a relative lull, following a week of intensive operations along all roads leading to Peiping, General Lin Piao's forces today, it is reported, crossed the Peiping-Kupelkow Railway, heading Westward.

They are believed attempting to link up with General Nish Yung-cheng's troops thrusting at Hsinpoan and Kangchuang, about 70 kilometres North West of Peiping.

Should these columns join hands above Peiping they will represent a serious force in the Hsueh-Chang border region immediately to the North of the ancient capital.

Tientsin militia forces engaged the Communists in night long fighting West of Lianghuang, 35 kilometres South West of Peiping, as the Communists continued their flanking movements along both the Peiping-Suiyuan and Peiping-Hankow railways.

Serious fighting was also recorded at Lianghuang station. Communist units belonging to the so-called Yiman Mountain Region units, with bases in the Taihang Mountains, stretching through Yihien and the Manchong area to the West of the Peiping-Hankow line were said to be responsible for bringing the hostilities ever closer to Peiping.

The Taihang mountains extend for the entire length of the Peiping-Hankow railway from Fengtai, at the gates of Peiping, down into Honan Province, thereby making the railway extremely vulnerable to sweeps by the Communists, who constitute a constant menace.

Rapid thrusts by the Reds are a feature of the situation along the Peiping-Suiyuan line, where Communist General Nish Yung-cheng's troops above Kangchuang, in Southern Chahar, are attempting to isolate Kalgan by cutting the railway.—United Press and Reuters.

### THE WEATHER

At 0400 GMT (2.00 p.m. HKST) a moderate anti-cyclone centered E of Daitai and from another over NW China a ridge extended across Japan into the Pacific. Between these systems a broad trough extending from a small depression over Kurematsu to a low over the Philippines. Pressure is low over the Kallins, but gradients are weak over the whole area.

Today's Forecast—Light variable winds becoming light S. Fair.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 75.7 deg. F. Minimum: 64.8 deg. F. Sunshine: 6.8 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—347.9 mm. (13.6 in.) as against an average of 212.7 mm. (8.38 in.)

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

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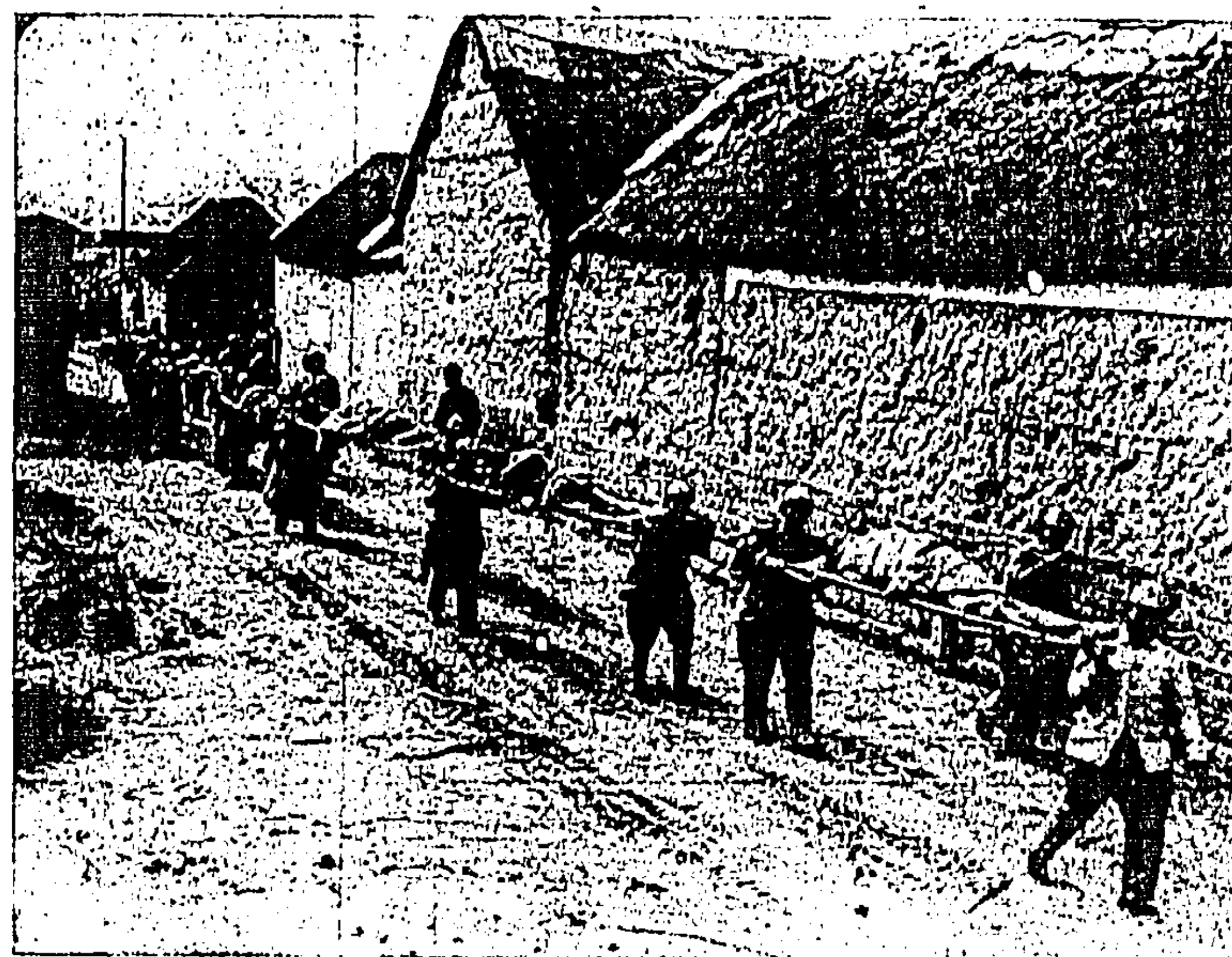
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Wounded Nationalist soldiers arrive on stretchers in the village of Peng-tangchen. They were wounded during the Nationalist offensive outside Erchenchi, South East of Hsuehchow.—AP Photo.

### Workmen In Fight At Cha kwo-leng

Some 200 workmen employed by the China Construction Company at Cha kwo-leng engaged in a regular battle royal for more than an hour shortly after 4 p.m. yesterday, in the course of which more than 30 of them were injured, four seriously.

The fight was only suppressed on the arrival of the police emergency unit who arrived fully equipped with tear gas bombs and other paraphernalia for dealing with a full-scale riot.

The four seriously injured were detained in Kowloon Hospital. Two men were arrested. The trouble started with a quarrel over water among the Chinese and Fanti rival factions.

At first only about 20 men were involved, but reinforcements summoned by both sides soon had the number swollen to 200.

### Opium Found In Coffins

Without the usual advance notice, a military plane from Kungming appeared over Canton, landed at the Military airfield, and unloaded two coffins—full of opium.

According to vernacular Press reports, personnel on the military plane told Customs inspectors that the coffins contained the remains of high army officials.

As a result, the coffins were allowed to be placed on a truck and driven away. The truck, however, was stopped on the way out by gendarmes who insisted on having the coffins opened for inspection.

Following a long argument, the coffins were opened and found to be filled with opium.

The plane's personnel and Customs inspectors were arrested by the gendarmes, said the reports, but were released later after interrogation proved they were innocent.

The reports added that Dr. T.V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, has cabled a detailed report to the Central Government on the incident and has named a high army officer as the man responsible for the smuggling attempt. The incident occurred at 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

## More Chinese Political Leaders Leave HK For N. China Meeting

Several more Chinese political leaders, including Mr. Kuo Mu-ju, well known novelist and writer, have left Hong Kong to take part in "coalition government" conferences in North China.

The "Sunday Herald" learned from a reliable source last night that more than 10 leaders of different political parties exiled in the Colony, are on their way to join the others who left in September.

Preliminary conferences, preparing for the proposed multiparty Political Consultative Conference, are in full swing at Harbin, the "Sunday Herald" understands.

The Political Consultative Conference is expected to be convened in a Chinese city, captured from the Chinese Central Government, early next year.

The Conference will discuss a new constitution for China and the formation of a coalition government.

The assembling at Harbin of leaders of exiled Chinese political parties from Hong Kong and elsewhere is a result of the Communist Party's last May Day broadcast suggesting the calling of a Political Consultative Conference for the formation of a coalition government.

All the Chinese delegates who left in September for North China have arrived safely, the "Sunday Herald" was told, and are sending reports to their headquarters in Hong Kong regularly.

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## Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Mrs. H. A. Corney, Mrs. Alice E. Vellut, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rheims, Mrs. D. P. McDonald, Mrs. T. H. Payne, Mrs. M. G. Frederick, Mrs. G. A. Dearing, Mrs. A. Markham, Miss Markham, Mrs. F. J. Jolliffe, Messrs. N. Franco, N. S. Franco, D. J. King, F. G. Brooks, D. F. Reeves, H. J. Collier, A. V. Farmer, T. G. Rea, C. S. Wickens, C. Curaway, C. H. Toppe, I. Levy, J. Mary, and Major P. F. Cool.

Among the arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday were Mrs. F. Singham, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Croft, Mrs. F. G. Bond, Mrs. R. S. Wakelin, Mrs. D. Akroyd, Mrs. Sykes, Mrs. Bolton, Mrs. J. Unwin, Mrs. W. Ghaz, Messrs. P. Labceff, A. Bader, G. Wasmuth, J. Olive and Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Heskin.

Mr. P. W. Parker, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, accompanied by Mrs. Parker arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by Pan-American World Airways. Mr. Parker is on a world inspection of his company's installations. He will remain here for three days and then fly to Manila.

## GOVERNMENT REJECTS PETITION

Government has rejected Hong Kong's Chinese women civil servants' petition for equal wages and treatment.

The Chinese Civil Servants Association which forwarded the petition on behalf of its women members, received a reply from the Colonial Secretary during the week.

The reply said that the question of equal wages cannot be considered by Government.

The petition, demanding the same salaries paid to men doing the same type of work, was sent to the Colonial Secretary in September.

About 30 women civil servants signed the petition which contended that there is no reason why a woman should not be paid the same wage a man gets for doing the same kind of work in Government departments.

Chinese women in Government service are mostly doctors, teachers, nurses, typists, clerks, interpreters and labour inspectors.

## LAUNDRY CO. WINS JUDGMENT

At the Supreme Court yesterday, Mr. Justice Wicks (Acting Additional Judge), awarded judgment in favour of The Nathan Steam Laundry of 235 Nathan Road, Kowloon, who were sued for \$765 by Mr. David Anthony, Paule of the Revenue Department.

Mr. Justice Wicks did not award The Nathan Steam Laundry any costs, as he held that they had not been co-operative in the matter.

The claim was the outcome of damage caused to two suits belonging to Mr. Paule which been sent to be dry cleaned.

Mr. Paule, as plaintiff, conducted his own case. The Nathan Steam Laundry, defendants, were represented by Mr. K. F. Wong.

## EUROPEAN "Y" XMAS FAIR

The European YMCA Christmas Fair, held at the West Lounge of the YMCA, was opened by Mrs. P. S. Cassidy at 2.30 p.m. yesterday.

The fair was well attended and included such attractions as a Gypsy Tent, a Santa Claus Grotto, where children had the privilege of obtaining a Christmas gift for a small consideration, and a Ten and Ten Cream Parlour.

Dolls, cradles, linen and home produce were on sale. Half of the proceeds of the fair will go to the Fanning Babies' Home.

## Korean Trawlers



Two Korean fishing trawlers (above) have arrived in Hong Kong to make the Colony their base of operations. Named the Fu Tze I and Fu Tze II, the trawlers each have a capacity of between 20,000 and 30,000 catties of fish. The 80-ton vessels have a draught of seven feet and are 80 feet long and 10 feet wide. They can operate out at sea for two weeks without refuelling and restocking of food supplies. In addition to a master and an engineer, each vessel carries 10 crew. This is their first visit to South China waters.—Photo by W. Y. Tang.

## Filipino Evacuees Due In Colony From Shanghai Today

The first batch of Filipino evacuees from North China will arrive here today by the Philippine motorship Lenovorett on route to Manila.

Totalling 73, the evacuees will be permitted to land here during their one-day stay, but must return to the vessel for accommodation at night, it was reliably learned.

Consular officials from the Philippine Consulate in Hong Kong, headed by Mrs. T. C. Baja, wife of the Consul, will visit the arrivals on board the Evergl ship.

The evacuees, mostly musicians from Shanghai, Nanking and Tientsin, are taking home their families and entire belongings after years of residence in China. Most have been thrown out of employment by the Nationalist Government's austerity measures against public dancing, the "Sunday Herald" was informed by local Filipinos.

Filipino evacuees may land here while awaiting the landing and unloading of their respective vessels bringing them here. This is the first concession procured by the Philippine Consul, and arrangements regarding accommodation have yet to be discussed with the local authorities, it was learned.

Evacuees who do not possess visas should be properly documented as "evacuees" or identified by the Hong Kong Consulate as such.

Ten deep-sea fishing junks arrived here from Amoy and have registered with the Marine Department to use Hong Kong as the base for their fishing operations in Southeastern waters. Their tonnage ranging from 700 to 1,000 piculs, these vessels arrived with 10 families aboard, from grandson to grandfather. All fishermen use sails and hand-operated nets. They left yesterday for deep waters in the South where, it was reported, good weather prevails. The fishing junks arrived without bringing fish. Each junk can accommodate more than 500 piculs of fish. They have facilities to preserve their catch by ice. Aberdeen, the Colony's fishing centre, will be their base.

A "ghost" craft was towed into local waters yesterday by the ocean-going tug, Sea Otter, from Shanghai.

She is the former United States Navy transport Comet, which arrived here without crew, flag or registry.

The 3,000-ton craft will undergo overhauling and surveying for a British loading certificate.

The Sea Otter left for Shanghai yesterday in ballast.

His Majesty's ships, London and Alancit, will be visiting American aircraft carrier Tarawa and destroyers Buckley and Hawkins, were all dressed up yesterday in honour of the British Accession Day.

At the naval craft fired the 21-gun National Salute. Tuesday will see the ship's flag bedecked again when they observe the birthday of King George VI. They will fire the usual salute.

## Reminders

### Today

Tec II Club, Classical Concert of Recorded Music, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.45 p.m.

Inter-School annual sports, final events, Caroline Hill.

H.K. Art Club sketching class, New Territories, members assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

"Al Fresco Fete" in aid of Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary's School compound, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Talk on "Does a Christian Fight Enough?" by Mr. P. I. Addison, European YMCA, 8.30 a.m.

Century of French Convent, High Mass at 9 a.m.; Solemn Benediction at 3.30 p.m.; Reception at 4 p.m.; Entertainment at School Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Concert by Harmonica Group, Chinese YMCA, Bridges' St., 7.30 p.m.

### Coming Events

#### TOMORROW

Century of French Convent, Entertainment in Convent Hall, 5.30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

H.K. Social Welfare Council, annual general meeting, PRO Lecture Room, 5.15 p.m.

Eastern Asia Navigation Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, King's Bldg., 11 a.m.

Kowloon Junior School, prize giving, at King George V School, 5.30 p.m.

H.K. Football Association Council meeting, Prince's Bldg., 5.15 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "The Police Service" by Police Commissioner, D. W. Macintosh, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

Tec II Club meeting at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Exhibition of Paintings by Yee Bon, Lee Hing and Luis Chan, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m.

#### THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong, meeting at Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

## HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Public subscriptions to the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund received between December 4 and 10 follow:

H.K. Post Office Association HK\$ 4,547.70  
Received to December 3 3,747,899.36

Total HK\$8,297,647.06

## Fourteen Charged With Plot To Steal Oil

Investigations conducted by Detective Sub-Inspector J. Moore, Special Branch, over a period of nearly four months resulted in the arrest of 14 men on December 10, and their being charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of conspiring to steal fuel oil.

All accused pleaded guilty to the charge, and were sentenced to prison terms ranging from nine months to one month, with hard labour.

Cheng Lam, aged 43, co-swain of the APC launch Tsing Shan, stated to be one of the ring-leaders of the gang, was given nine months; Cheung Sai-lo, aged 51, and Ng Kwok-hing, aged 37, engineers of the launch, said to be the two other ring-leaders, received six months each.

Wong Kan, Ho Yau and Lai Yiu-man, seamen, and Tam Fan, Mak Lam, and Ko Kwai, greasers, were sent down for three months; Chan Kam-shui, 18-year-old ship's boy, and Chan King-lai, 20-year-old coolie, said to be employed by the crew of the launch, were given one month each.

Man Ngau, aged 17, and Yip Shiu-yau, aged 26, foks of the launch Yau Sing, were, with the co-swain, 32-year-old Chui Mok, sentenced to three months' hard labour each.

DSI Moore said that the management of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. Ltd. has, since the latter part of August, been suspicious that large quantities of fuel oil were being stolen and sold to other people. Investigations were started, and a watch kept, by the police.

At 6.30 a.m. on December 10, DSI Moore, two Chinese detectives, and representatives of the APC boarded a walla-wall and while cruising around sighted the launch Tsing Shan which, instead of making for Tsimshui, went around a large ship and then went off in a westerly direction.

The motorboat followed the launch, and those on board saw the Tsing Shan lying up to another launch which, in turn, was tied up to an empty junk. After a wait of a few minutes, the motorboat went alongside the "APC" launch. On board the launch, the police found that the other crew, Man Sing, had three 40-gallon drums on board and that the caps were off the drums. The two launches were then taken back to Tsimshui.

check of the fuel on board the Tsing Shan was made by Mr. Jenner of the APC. It was found that, whereas it had 600 gallons of oil in the fuel tank at 6 a.m., the amount at the time of checking (7.30 a.m.) was only about 450 gallons.

DSI Moore explained that the method employed was to transfer the oil from the fuel tank to the bilges, and then pumped out of the bilges on to drums by the engine room pumps.

"A very ingenious idea," commented the magistrate. The prosecution officer said that there was no doubt that the first three accused were the ring-leaders and that it could be assumed that they had been stealing oil on previous occasions. "If the police had turned up a little later, he said, they would have seen the oil being transferred."

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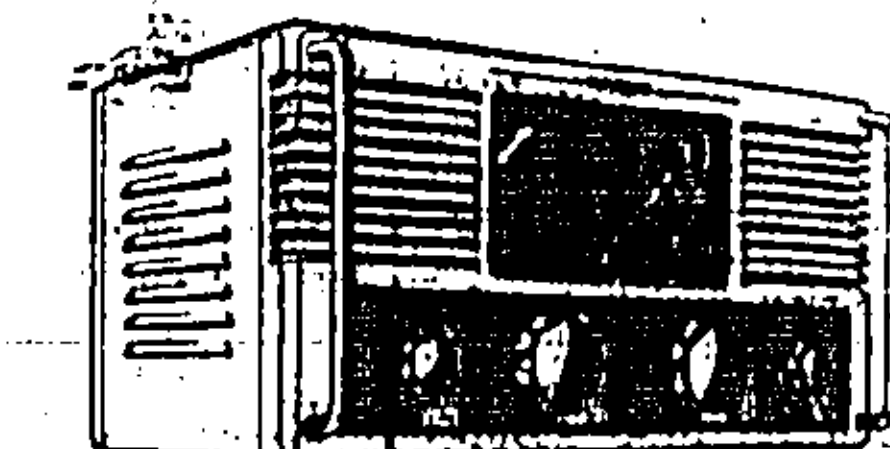
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## Six Months' Sentence For Larceny

Six months' imprisonment and six strokes of the cane, was the punishment meted out to Lai Kwong, aged 17, unemployed, who was charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday with larceny from the person.

According to Inspector H. Moran, defendant was alleged to have approached Miss Joan Sato in Wyndham Street, near the Dairy Farm, and forcibly snatched her handbag.

The handbag with the contents was valued at \$80.

When the alarm was raised, PC 2589 and Detective PC 21, who happened to be in the vicinity, gave chase and in a very short time had defendant in custody.

Before he was apprehended, defendant was seen to throw away the handbag, which was retrieved.

## Cinema Star Charged

Miss Evelyn Chan, well known Chinese cinema star, was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with dangerous and careless driving, in a position not to have proper control of the car and driving an unlicensed vehicle.

She was alleged to be driving private car No. 2087 at the junction of Waterloo Road and Nathan Road with the license having expired on June 30, 1948.

At Court yesterday she pleaded not guilty to all charges. Upon the application of Sub-Inspector Richard Brown, the prosecuting officer, the case was remanded for 48 hours. Bail in the sum of \$1,000 was offered.

## Visiting Artists To Hold Exhibit

Mr. K. K. Lim, of Amoy, and Mr. Arthur Lindsay of Melbourne, are to hold a joint exhibition of oil and water colour paintings in St. John's Hall, Garden Road. The British Council representative, Mr. Robert Bruce, will open the show at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

Mr. Lim was one of Hong Kong's leading artists before his departure for Amoy in 1940. In 1938 and 1939 he held very successful exhibitions, which will doubtless be remembered by many of Hong Kong's old residents. Lim's slide training and his individual style have made him an artist whose work is infinitely interesting.

Mr. Lindsay is a painter whose work figures prominently among that of the younger Australian artists. He was a pupil of the late Rupert Bunny, famous in France during the between war years and long before that for the charm and deceptiveness of his work. Mr. Lindsay carries on much of that tradition. The exhibition will remain open from December 13 to December 16.



Mr. Lim's "Girl"

## Yokohata Is Found Guilty By Court; Sentence Deferred

Sergeant Major Yokohata Toshiro, former member of the Shanghai District Kempoitai, was found guilty by the War Crimes Court at Lyman Barracks yesterday, but sentence was deferred pending submission by the defence of documents from Japan as to character.

The Court's decision was reached after 20 minutes' retirement, following the hearing of closing addresses by the Prosecutor and Defence Counsel.

The case first came up for hearing on Thursday when Yokohata pleaded guilty, but the Court refused to accept his plea and ordered the trial to continue.

Yokohata, formerly attached to the legal section of the Shanghai Kempoitai, was charged with committing a war crime in that he at Shanghai between September 1 and November 30, 1942, was concerned in the ill-treatment of civilian residents of Shanghai and in particular of Henry Forsythe Pringle, Alexander Handman, Ernest Le Roy Healey, Morris Joseph Souloff, Boris S. Frank, Rev. W. H. Hudspeth, Kenneth William Johnstone and William Slade Bungey, at Bridge House.

Major Clague, the Prosecutor, in his address to the Court, said the prosecution did not allege that Yokohata was personally responsible for all the tortures and brutalities mentioned in the affidavits read in Court. There were also Nakatani and Suzuki, but he submitted that Yokohata was responsible for the activities of these two men.

Yokohata had pleaded that he was merely acting under orders, but the prosecution submitted that such orders were vague, and he need not have interpreted those orders with a brutal and relentless force which resulted in great suffering to his victims.

### Repented Of Action

The defence's plea that Yokohata had repented of his brutal actions was accepted by the prosecution.

Mr. Kakahi Masao, defence counsel, who had already on Thursday submitted his plea in mitigation for Yokohata, informed the Court yesterday that the affidavits did not specifically identify Yokohata as being the person solely responsible for administering the tortures.

Accused had confessed to taking part in the tortures mentioned in the charge, but he was not the sole person concerned. There were also Nakatani, Suzuki, Yokomizo and Tomura. Circumstances did not permit of those people being brought up for trial, said defence counsel, and it was for the Court to consider how far accused was personally concerned in these tortures, as distinct from the case if he was solely involved.

He also drew attention to the fact that Yokohata was at Shanghai from September 1 to November 30, whereas the affidavits related to periods beyond the dates mentioned.

## Accused Gets Gold Returned

When Ngan Ching-kuen alias T. C. Yen, 42-year-old married woman, of 642 Nathan Road, second floor, was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with importing six taels of gold, Mr. J. C. Stewart successfully applied for the return of two gold bangles.

In making the application, Mr. Stewart said that the gold bracelets were given to the accused by her husband on her 31st birthday.

As to the other gold pieces, Mr. Stewart said that the two square pieces were allowed to be taken out of the charge by Mr. Stewart, as they were a precautionary measure.

Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox told the court that the two bangles were not 30 years' old, as they still bore the price tags. Furthermore, he said, the bracelets, weighing about 1.6 taels each, had been straightened out and inserted into a specially-made cloth band used as a garter.

The bench directed that the two gold bracelets be returned to accused, and ordered the confiscation of the two gold coins and two gold bangles.

## EXCESS G.Y. CONFISCATED

On Friday at the Kowloon Railway Station a shop assistant, Yip Din-hou, was searched by Revenue Officers and GY14,980 was found on him in excess of the amount permitted for export. The excess G.Y. was confiscated. The shop assistant was charged yesterday, his bail of \$5 was offered to be satisfied by Mr. W. H. Latimer.

## Bound Over For Year On Charges

Brought on remand before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, Wong Shu-ching, aged 31, and Yuen Shau-ching, aged 28, were bound over in the sum of \$50 for a year when they pleaded guilty to the charges of loitering, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest, on December 9.

Inspector J. Orem informed the court that two women, who were remanded on Friday to be finger-printed and for the production of their records, had no criminal records.

It was stated by the prosecution, on Friday, that the two women were arrested by Inspector Baldwin and Detective Corporal 538 at the alley between the fire station and the revenue officers' quarters at 8.55 p.m. on December 9.

On the way to the Tsimtsatui Police Station they gave the police officers a lot of trouble, and in the charge room, refused to be finger-printed and searched. They used very abusive and obscene language and shouted the whole time.

It took the combined efforts of Inspector Baldwin, Sub-Inspector Dow, and Detective Sub-Inspector Summers to hold the two women for them to be searched by the female searcher.

A concert by the Chinese YMCA Harmonica Group will be held at the YMCA in Bridges Street at 7.30 p.m. today.

## Choral And Orchestral Concert

The St. Thomas More Association announces that tickets for the Choral and Orchestral Concert at the China Fleet Club Theatre on Thursday next, December 16, are obtainable from the Secretary of the Catholic Club, King's Building, 1st Floor (Tel. 22648), between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.—not at the Catholic Centre as already announced.

The Concert, which is under the distinguished patronage of H.E. the Governor and Lady Grantham, is being given by the Hong Kong Choral Group in aid of the Home for the Aged. The orchestra is made up of members of the Hong Kong Light Orchestra, The Hong Kong Orchestral Group and the Sino-British Club Orchestra.

Several of the Colony's well-known singers are contributing vocal solos and duets, as follows: Gaston D'Aquin (tenor); Addio alla madre from "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni); John Cheung (baritone); O del mio bene (Donizetti) and Quando miro (Mozart).

Sylvia Choy (soprano); Alleluia (Mozart) and Lo hear he Gentle Lark (Bishop); Gaston D'Aquin and John Cheung; Solemn in questura from "Forza del Destino" (Verdi) and O Mimi, tu più non torni, from "La Bohème" (Puccini); Jeanette Ho (soprano) and Y. Y. Leung (tenor); Duets from "La Traviata" (Verdi).

Jeanette Ho will be the soloist in a Chinese piece called "Chau Kwan Yuen", which has been arranged for the orchestra by Prof. Gaudin. Miss Ho has taken part in several concerts in Macao, and sang in Perosi's "Resurrection of Christ" and as Anna in Bellini's "La Sonnambula".

The orchestra will play the Overture to "Egmont" (Beethoven) and the Prelude to Act 1 of "La Traviata" (Verdi). The Choral Group and the orchestra will be under the direction of Professor Elsie Gaudin.

### TOC H CONCERT

A concert of recorded music will be presented by the Reverend Mr. R. Thornley, Royal Navy, at Tait's House (100-111), 50, Gloucester Road, at 8.45 p.m. today. The programme includes Overture "The Silken Ladder" (Rossini); "Walk to the Paradise Garden"—Dellus; Concerto in G minor, No. 1—Brahms; and Symphony in D minor—Cesar Franck.

## Ship's Master Fined On Dangerous Goods

"As this is the first case of its kind, and as your ship has already been delayed, I am going to impose the nominal fine of \$500. I will deal with future cases much more severely," said Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Before the court was Pelter Haraldsen, master of the ms. Castleville, on two summonses in respect of the carriage, and discharge, of dangerous goods, and failure to furnish the Director of Marine with a true copy of the manifest of such dangerous goods, on December 8.

Sub-Inspector L. G. Nippard said that when two junks were intercepted on the evening of December 8 they were found to be carrying drums of potassium chlorate.

As the result of information supplied by the junk people, the police boarded the ms. Castleville, anchored at the Dangerous Goods Anchorage, and found that she had, among her cargo, 59 tons of potassium chlorate, which she was unloading, to be checked-up was made at the Marine Department the following day, when it was found that the Director of Marine did not receive the manifest containing the chemical until 10.55 a.m. that morning (December 9) after the cargo had been unloaded and the ship had gone alongside the Kowloon wharves.

The summonses, taken out under sections 3 and 8 of Ordinance 1 of 1873, alleged failure to give notice of dangerous goods on board when the ship was entering harbour on December 1 and failing to furnish a true copy of manifest of such dangerous goods between 6 p.m. on December 8 and 6 a.m. the following day without a written permit.

## Money Market

Gold took the upgrade yesterday after remaining at a stationary level for the whole week. Opening at HK\$203.25 a tael it climbed to \$208, and closed at 12 1/4 cents lower.

U.S. dollars were unchanged from the previous day at HK\$3.03. Gold Yuan for spot delivery in Hong Kong was higher at 12 1/4 cents. Canton remittances were at 9.475 cents and Shanghai remittances at 9 1/2 cents.

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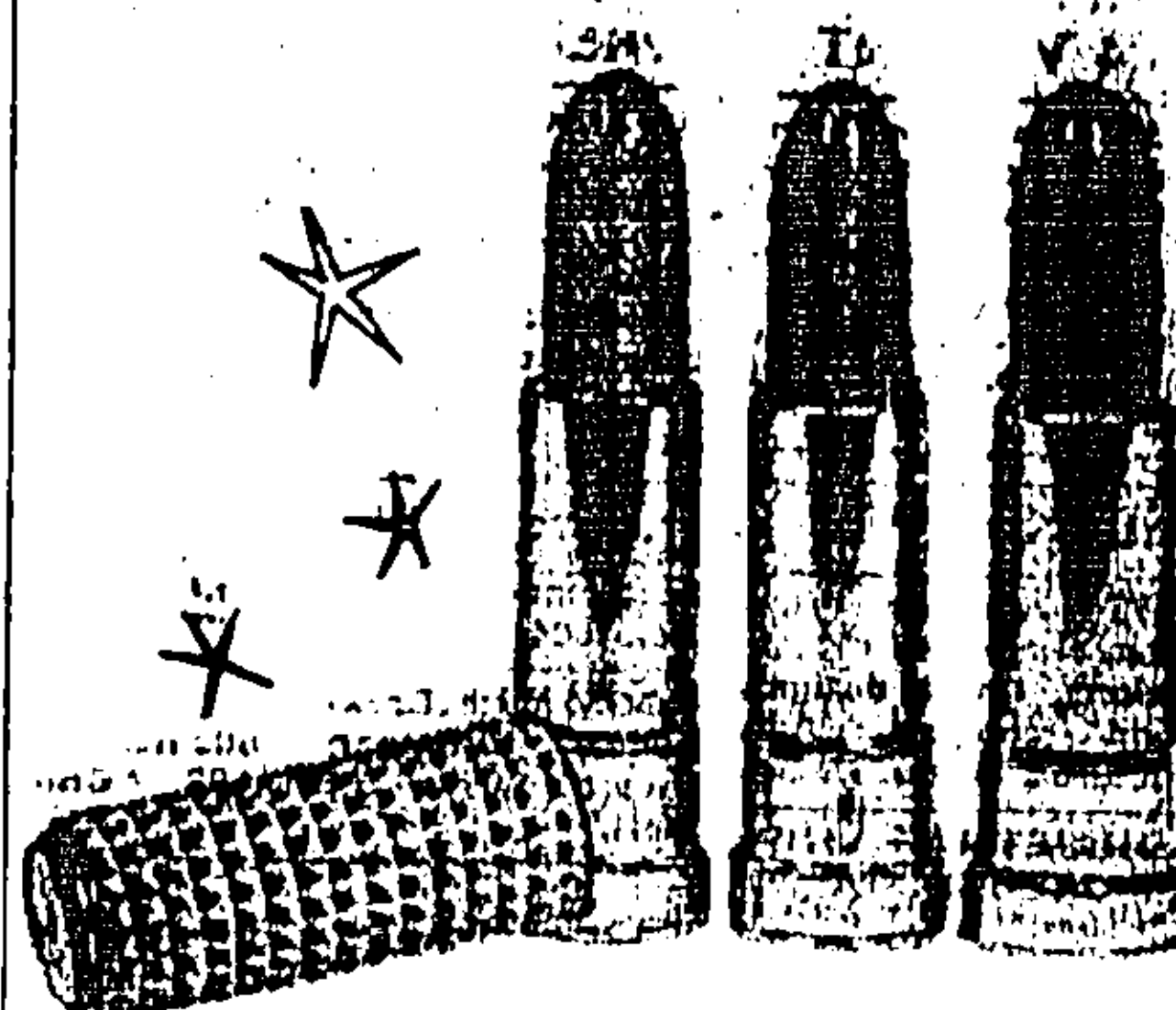
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NO. 28 OF 1948

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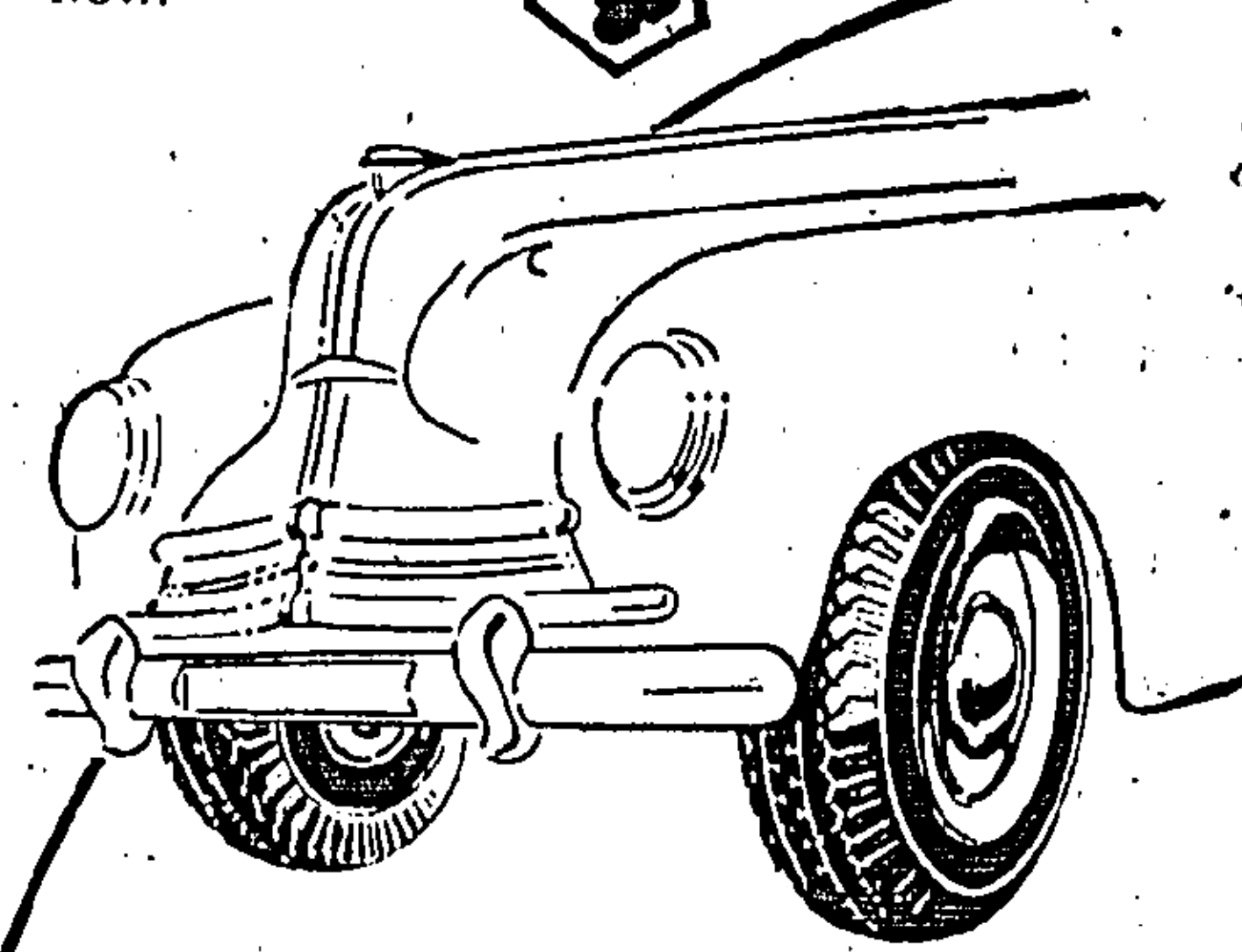
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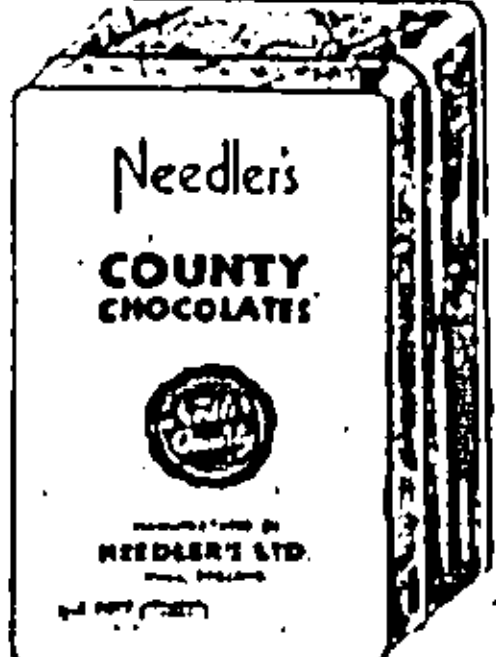
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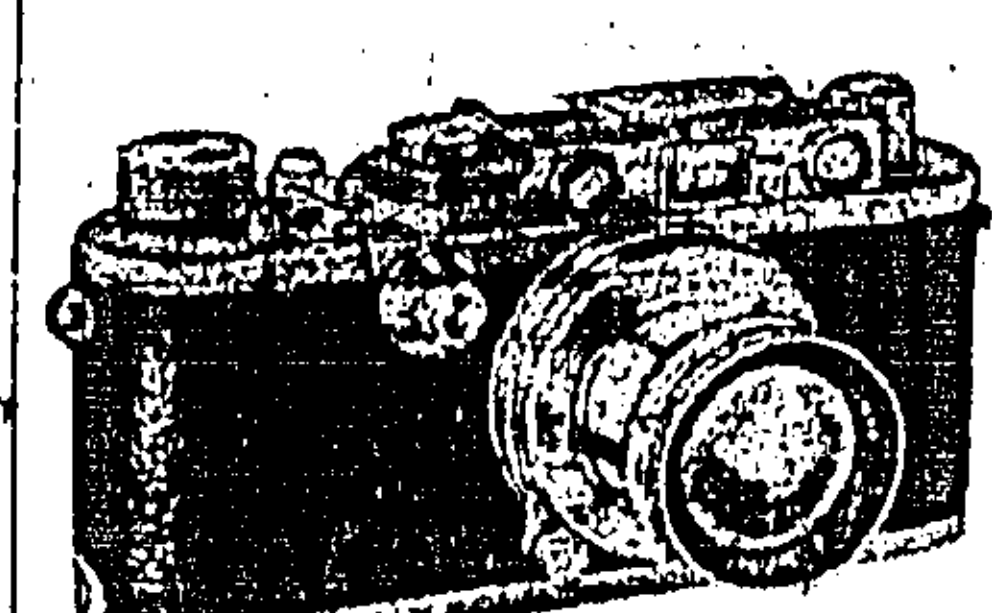
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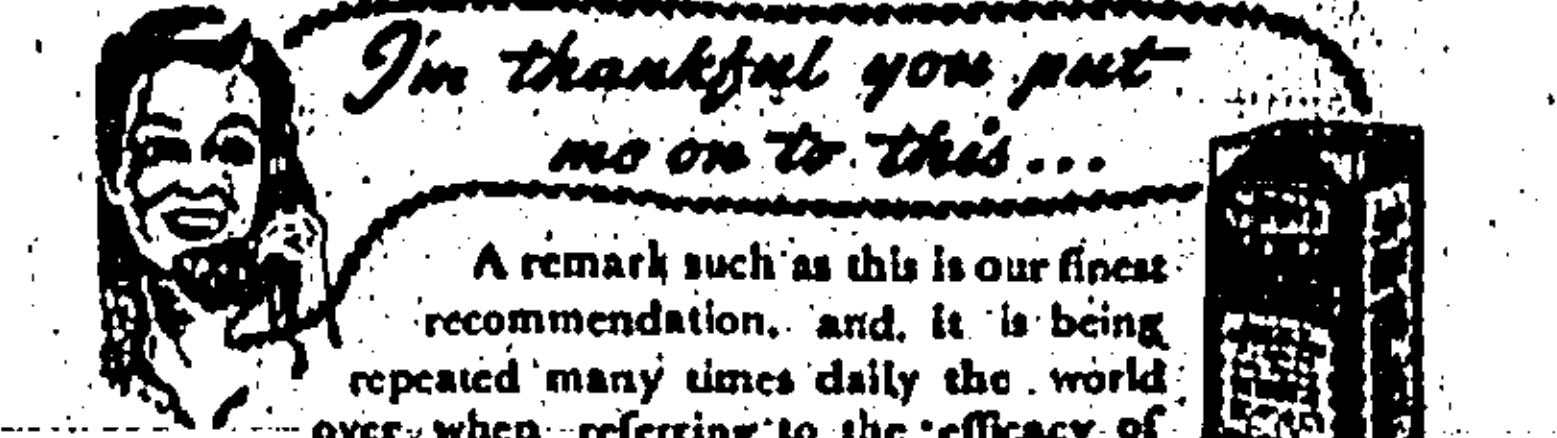
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## MARK THE JET BOMBER "URGENT"

You could get the idea from Foreign Under-Secretary Lord Henderson's House of Lords speech on the RAF jet bombers are just round the corner.

In fact, it will be years before long-range, jet-propelled bombers are in squadron service with the RAF in any numbers unless the present rate of development is immediately speeded up.

### What They Said

There has been no worthwhile official statement on jet-bomber production in Britain since September 1947. At that date the Ministry of Supply announced that:

(1) A twin-jet, 600-m.p.h. medium bomber was ordered in 1945.

(2) A four-jet, 600-m.p.h. heavy bomber of longer range was ordered in November 1946.

(3) Demands by the Air Staff for bombers of even higher speeds and "ceilings" and for longer ranges would probably involve the use of wings of unorthodox shape.

(4) Contracts would probably be placed "very shortly" for two such bombers.

When Lord Henderson airily says that "a production line of at least one type of jet bomber is now being laid down," it simply means—unless I am much mis-

taken—that the twin-jet bomber ordered in 1945 may have recently made its test flight or be on the point of doing so.

It is unlikely that the four-jet, longer-range bombers are yet beyond the design stage, and it is unfortunate that Lord Henderson should speak of production lines and long-range bombers in the same breath.

In the opinion of many people of sound judgment in these mat-

**By Courtenay  
Edwards  
Air Correspondent**

ters the jet bomber position is far from satisfactory.

In the present troubled international atmosphere you would expect to find a sense of urgency behind our jet-bomber production. It is completely lacking.

I believe Britain's jet-bomber policy is on the right lines, but that development of these high-speed, stratospheric war planes potential carriers of atom bombs over long distances—should be speeded up and given the highest priority.

When the last war ended the RAF was faced with the question: What to do about bombers of the future?

They had two main alternatives: To build a bigger, faster, piston-engine bomber to succeed the 310-m.p.h. Avro Lancaster; or to cash in on Britain's undoubted

lead in turbo-jet development, and go right ahead with the development of jet bombers.

They chose the latter course, thinking—not unnaturally—that there was not likely to be another war during the 10 years it would take to get into full-scale squadron service long-range jet bombers designed, built, and tested under leisurely peace-time conditions.

The design teams working on the new Jet Age bombers are faced with problems which did not arise when they created the last generation of British piston-engine bombers.

Chief among these are pressurisation, to enable the crews to work efficiently in the stratosphere; and compressibility effects, which greatly accentuate the problem of drag at speeds close to that at which sound travels.

### Wonder Wings

That is why the Ministry of Supply hints that our new four-jet bombers may have wings of strange shape—to reduce and postpone these compressibility troubles.

Much research is involved in the development of these jet bombers—which, when they are ready to fly, will be unsurpassed anywhere—but they may not be in squadron service for seven or eight years if work on them is not speeded up.

If a new sense of urgency is imparted to the task, they could be ready in five years.

## THE JEWS HAVE MILITARILY WON THEIR WAR AND NOW DEMAND DIFFERENT THINGS FROM WHAT THEY WERE FORMERLY READY TO ACCEPT

# THE PALESTINE JIGSAW

The holy city of Jerusalem—battle scarred, plundered, half despoiled, and economically ruined—is about to enter a new phase of its turbulent history.

The theoretical position is this:

UNO, when it decided originally on partition, decided also on turning Jerusalem into an international city. The Jews, except for the diehard extremists, accepted the idea as just and appropriate.

This scheme was retained in the Bernadotte proposals—which UNO has also agreed in principle and which further included an exchange of Western Galilee for the Negev (the great triangle of desert in Southern Palestine) and the merging of Arab Palestine with the neighbouring kingdom of Transjordan.

But today the actual position is quite different—and it may prove disastrous.

### Victory And Right

The Jews have militarily won their war. And now in their moment of victory they desire very different things from what UNO has agreed to and what they themselves formerly accepted.

They oppose the idea of Arab Palestine going to Transjordan because they clearly prefer to have as their neighbour a small, poor, unworkable State which they could ultimately conquer and absorb.

They demand both East and West Galilee as well as the Negev. And they claim the whole of Jerusalem except the Old City.

The urgent question is: Shall the mere fact of the Jewish victories make what was right a few months ago wrong today?

There is something to be said for the Jews' claim to the Negev. In the first place, they already dominate it militarily. In the second place, they will make something of it.

This desert can never be rich—unless the prospectors discover great mineral deposits underground. But the Jews, by hook or by crook, will get water into it and make it habitable.

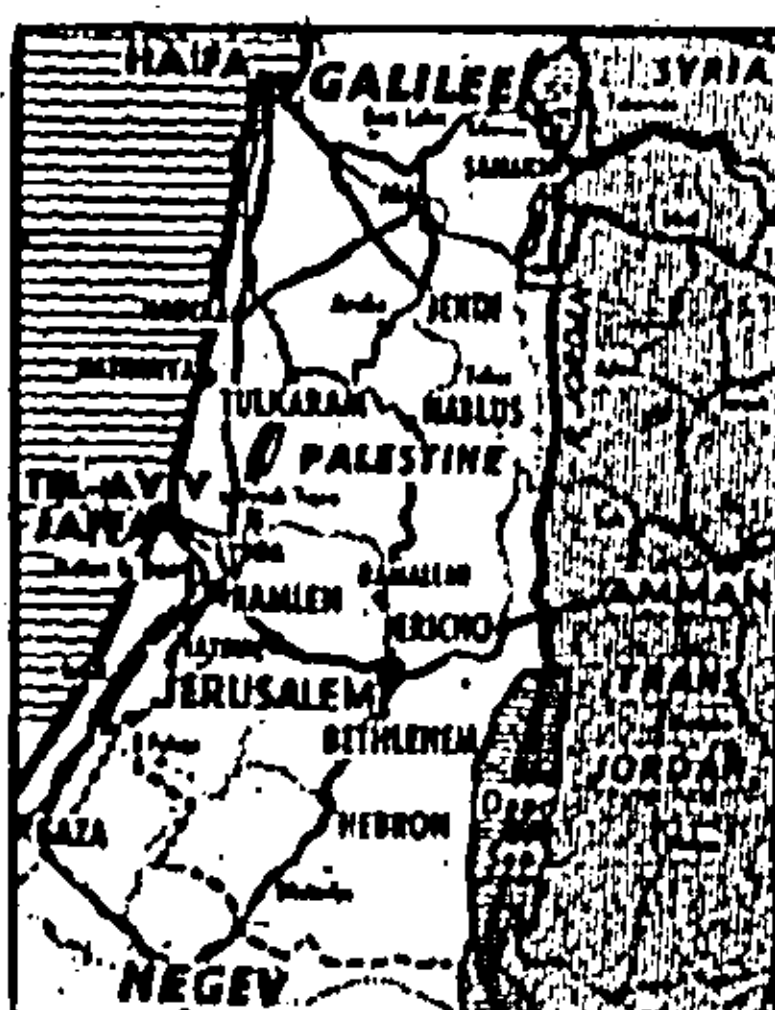
In the hands of the Arabs its possibilities will never be exploited. It will continue to be the almost uncultivated waste land which it has been since Roman times.

## French Budget

Paris, December 10. The Government's proposals for simplifying next year's budget procedure were accepted by the Finance Commission of the French Assembly yesterday.

The commission had been warned by the Prime Minister, M. Henri Queuille, that his Government could not accept the financial consequences if the Commission rejected the proposals.

He insisted on modifying the procedure to enable their 1949 budget to be balanced before the end of this year.—Reuter.



BY RICHARD  
GRAVES

The Englishman Who  
Was Mayor Of  
Jerusalem

If the Jews are now given the Negev, it will perhaps be easier to insist on an international Jerusalem big enough to include Bethlehem, which lies a few miles outside the strict city limits.

Many people have been to Jerusalem, but most people have not. The latter do not realise that the Old City—which the Jews would now agree to see placed under an international Administration—is a mediaeval walled town covering only 215 acres (Hyde Park is 300). Most of the streets are built as stairways with steps every ten yards, and are inaccessible to wheeled traffic.

### A Museum Piece

Under the British Administration it was far cleaner and healthier than the majority of

Oriental towns built on this pattern, but it could never be described as a health resort.

Of course, the Old City is a museum piece which, in the interests of the Holy Places it contains, must be preserved with its antique inconveniences. But it is not a suitable centre for any Administration.

The New City covers many times as much space, and not less than half that space has been hitherto occupied by non-Jewish quarters.

Bakka, Katamon, Abu Tor, the German and Greek colonies, and Talbiyah are essentially Arab, though they have lately been occupied, and in many cases plundered, by the Jews. To hand over the whole of the New City to Israel would be an absolute denial of justice.

The 60,000 Arab residents who live outside the walls are comparable in civilisation and culture with their Jewish fellow-citizens. To drive them from the homes they love, or to force them to acquiesce in subjection to an unsympathetic, Socialist State with a strong terrorist Left Wing, would be a grave injustice.

### Joint Control

The whole of Jerusalem, with its outlying villages and the town of Bethlehem, should be jointly governed by its Arab and Jewish inhabitants under international supervision.

The Jewish and Arab areas could be split into municipal boroughs with a co-ordinating authority for the distribution of water and other indivisible services.

There is no doubt that this can be done if there is a will to do it. If there is not, an irredeemable schism will be created—and not merely in the Arab world—which will preclude the possibility of any satisfactory peace and might eventually result in a new Crusade, which would certainly be successful.

And in the meantime Britain would lose nothing by granting official recognition to the State of Israel, which, as the mediator Bernadotte—on whom be peace—realised, has come to stay.

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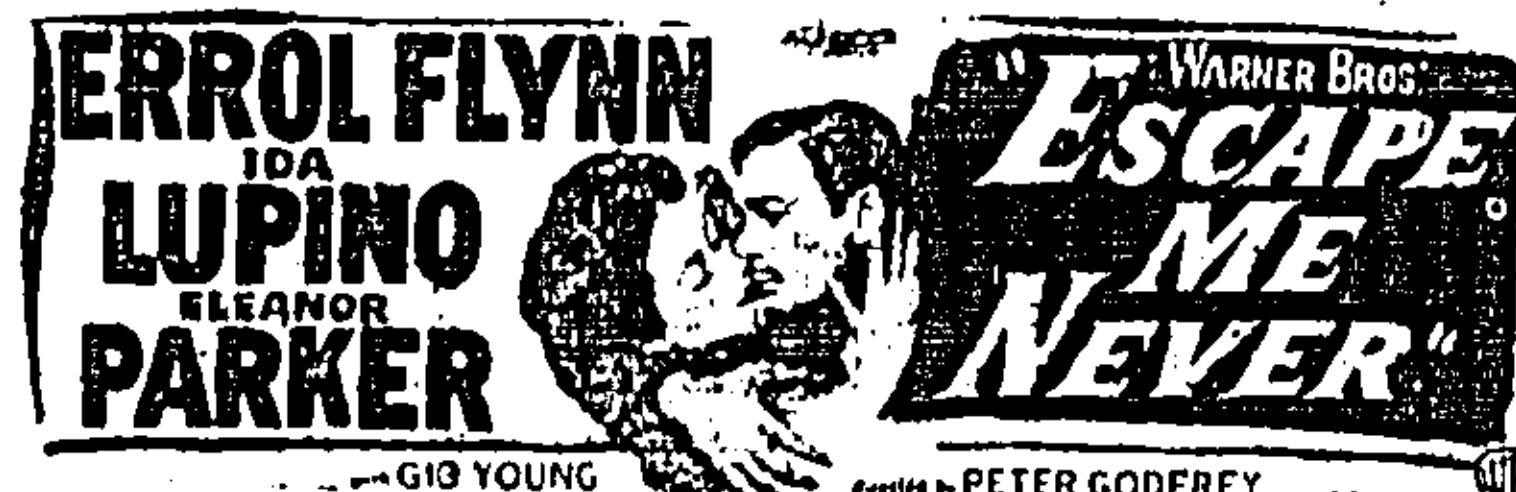
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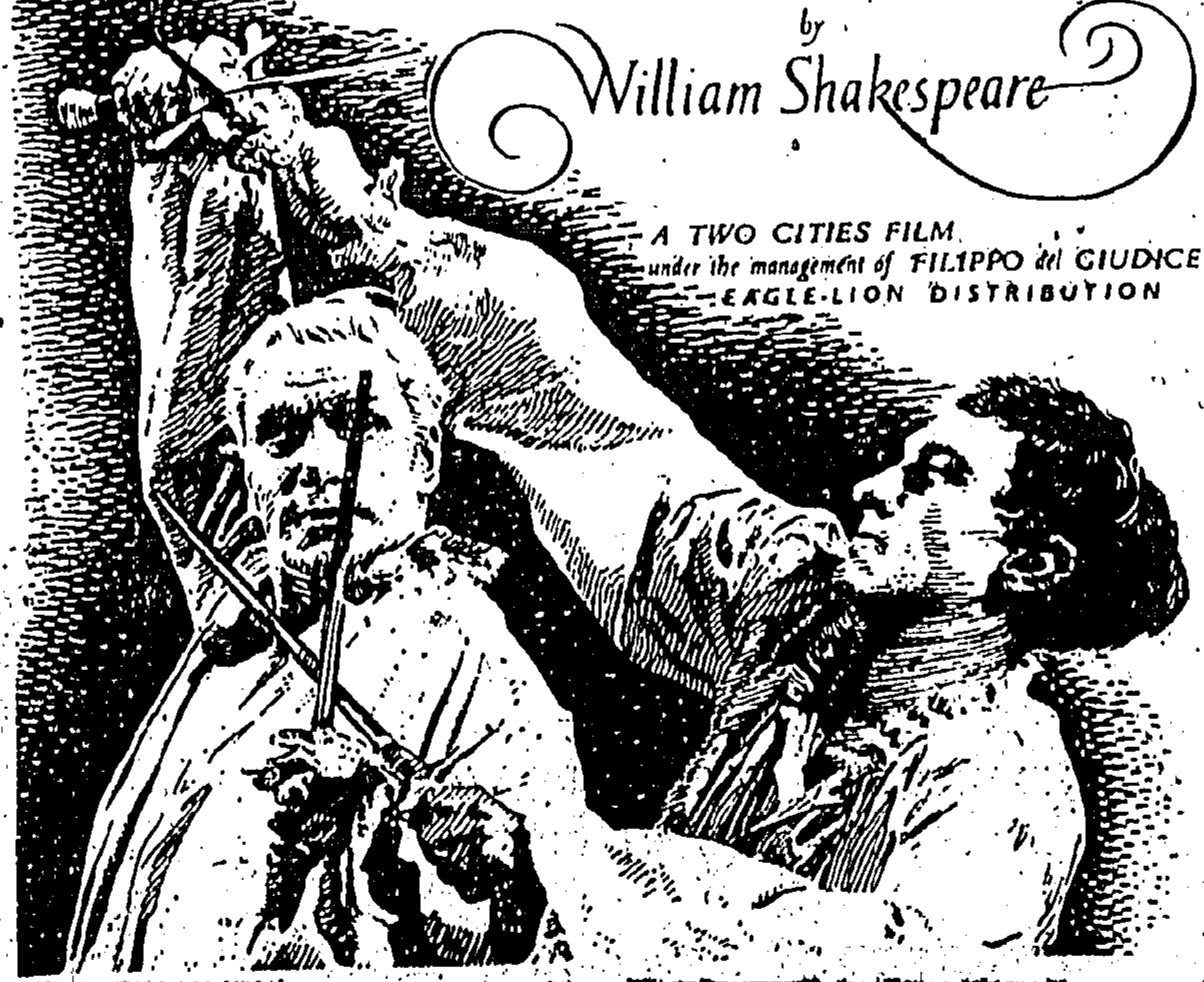
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## U.N. COMMISSION'S HIGH HOPES NOT REALISED

Lapstone, December 11.

A felling of futility and frustration was prevalent  
amongst most members of the Economic Com-  
mission for Asia and the Far East, whose two-  
week conference ends today.

The high hopes expressed in the conference's open-  
ing stages that something worthwhile and  
practical might be effected towards rehabilita-  
tion in the Far East have not been realised.

The five-year "master plan"  
for the development of indus-  
try and agriculture produced  
by a Working Party of the  
Commission has been shelved  
through lack of funds from  
either the United States or the  
International Monetary Bank.  
Hopes that ECAFE would be-  
come the Asian counterpart of the  
European Advisory Council, set  
up to deal with Marshall Plan  
problems, have also been dashed.  
The Commission is still an ad-  
visory body for the collection and  
exchange of economic data on  
projected development schemes in  
Asia and the Far East.

### "Asiatic Bloc"

Professor H. C. Gelissen, leader  
of the Dutch delegation, who  
staged a dramatic walk-out of  
the conference last Wednesday,  
said he was surprised that Aus-  
tralia and New Zealand had sup-  
ported what he called the Asiatic  
bloc.

## Subversive Movement In India

New Delhi, December 10.  
The Rakhtiya Swamy Se-  
waik organisation, whose  
members were rounded up by  
the police recently, has  
launched a civil disobedience  
campaign in support of its  
avowed bid to establish a Hindu  
state.

A large number of the orga-  
nisation's members were arrested  
in the streets near the city  
market place when they started  
shouting slogans and distributing  
propaganda leaflets.

They demanded that the Gov-  
ernment remove the ban on the  
organisation which was proclaimed  
following the assassination of  
Gandhi.

The organisation's membership  
is reported to number thousands.  
The Hindustan Times said 150  
members were arrested. The police  
employed a baton charge to dis-  
perse small crowds of demonstra-  
tors in the city's business section.  
—United Press.

He maintained that the two  
Dominions had surrendered to  
pressure from this bloc, more  
from necessity and fear of those  
nations in the North than from  
commensense.

"Both these countries will live  
to regret their actions," Pro-  
fessor Gelissen added.

The Indian delegate, Mr. C. C.  
Desai, however, denied the exis-  
tence of an Asiatic bloc and  
claimed full responsibility for  
putting the application of the  
Indonesians for associate mem-  
bership.

"We were not acting under Sov-  
iet instructions," he said. "Our  
Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, has  
repeatedly emphasised the neces-  
sity for inclusion of the valuable  
area in the orbit of the Commis-  
sion."

### Final Settlement

He stated that in discussions  
with Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, the  
Australian Prime Minister, yester-  
day, he found the Australian  
Government in full agreement  
with India's opinion and stand on  
this issue.

Mr. Desai thought the Nether-  
lands delegation would see the  
wisdom of the admission of In-  
donesia and would return to the  
Commission at its next session.

"This issue has been hanging  
over the Commission for three  
meetings, and now a decision  
has been reached. I think it will  
speed along a final settlement  
between the contending parties,"  
Mr. Desai added.

Referring to the work achieved  
by the Commission, Mr. Desai  
said he had hoped the Commis-  
sion would become the Asian  
counterpart of the European Ad-  
visory Council, but this unfortu-  
nately has not been achieved, Mr.  
Desai said.

He represented the repeated  
raising of political issues during  
the session and said much valu-  
able time had been devoted to  
politics on matters not concern-  
ing the Commission. —Reuter.

## Xmas Tree For London

Oslo, December 11.  
The Christmas tree for  
London's Trafalgar Square  
will be sent from Oslo today  
on board the cargo ship  
"Barnas." It was announced  
in Oslo yesterday.

The 60-foot-high tree will  
be transported through the  
streets of Oslo to the docks  
during the night to avoid  
traffic disturbance.

The tree will be delivered  
to the people of London at a  
ceremony in Trafalgar  
Square on December 20.  
Oslo's Lord Mayor, H. E.  
Stokke, and the Norwegian  
Ambassador will be present.  
Artificial show flasks and  
aluminium foil streamers are  
being sent from Norway to  
decorate the tree.

Decked with coloured  
lights and surmounted with  
illuminated star, the tree  
will be erected between the  
recently constructed foun-  
tains in Trafalgar Square.  
It will be presented to the  
Minister of Works, Mr.  
Charles Key, on December  
20 by Mr. H. E. Stokke, the  
Mayor of Oslo. —Associated  
Press and Reuter.

## COMMONS' GIFT TO CEYLON

London, December 10.

The King has agreed to a re-  
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to direct that a message and  
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"It gives me the greatest plea-  
sure," the King said in a message  
read to the House, "to learn that  
the House of Commons proposes  
to make such a gift to my House  
of Representatives in Ceylon and  
will gladly give directions for the  
carrying out of the proposals."  
Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord  
President of the Council, said last  
week that the Commons' gift was  
to mark Ceylon's attainment of  
self-government. —Reuter.

## Standardisation Of Aircraft Components

Washington, December 10.

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Lord Beach, December 11.

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took off to celebrate.

Coming home in the small  
hours yesterday, he stepped into  
the kitchen for one more look.  
But his wife had been there first.  
In bright yellow paint, on one  
of his fresh white cupboard  
doors she had written:

"Bill: 2.30. You are not home."  
And on the other cupboard  
she added: "2.30 a.m."

Stewart stood and pondered  
a while, then tiptoed into his  
wife's bedroom. He painted  
her face yellow.

Mrs. Stewart called police.  
"Husband painting wife," the  
radio call said.  
Officers helped Mrs. Stewart  
to remove the paint, then asked  
if she wanted her husband ar-  
rested. She said no.  
Stewart just smiled. —United  
Press.

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6.30 p.m.—"Grand Hotel" Albert San-  
der & Palm Court Orch with Peter  
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7.00 p.m.—World and Home News.  
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7.15 p.m.—"Looking Ahead" A Review  
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8.10 p.m.—A Talk by Mr. U. Tai Chie  
—"The Chinese Manufacturers  
Union Exhibition" (Studio)

8.15 p.m.—"TBA" with Tommy Han-  
ley. (London Relay)

8.45 p.m.—The University Programme.  
Law No. 51 "Public Law" by Pro-  
fessor G. H. Phillips. (BBC)

9.05 p.m.—Symphony Concert. The  
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The British Symphony Orch., Con-  
ductors: Arthur Schnabel at the  
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Orchestra. Symphony No. 32 in G,  
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10.15 p.m.—Symphony Concert (Cont'd)  
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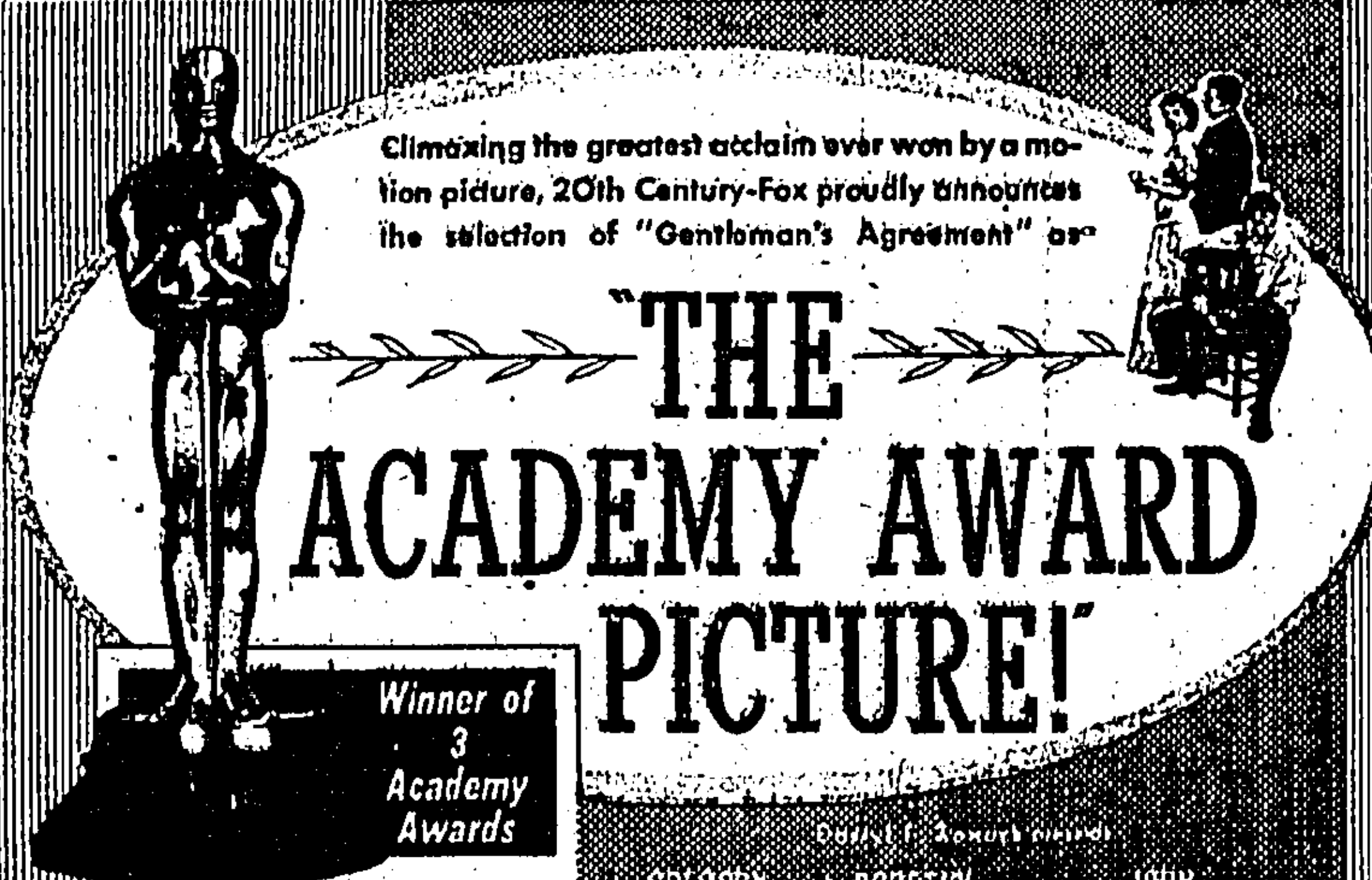
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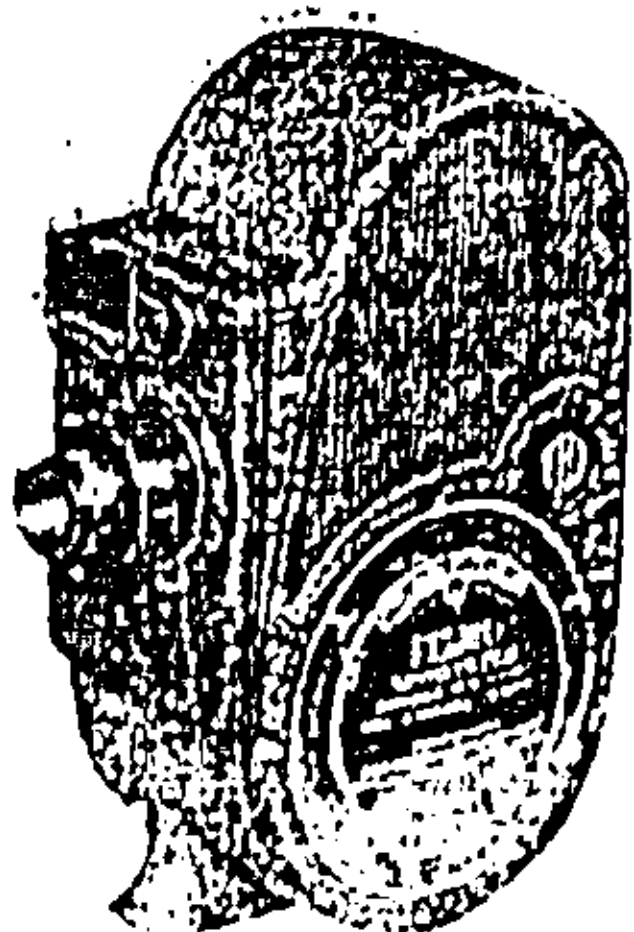
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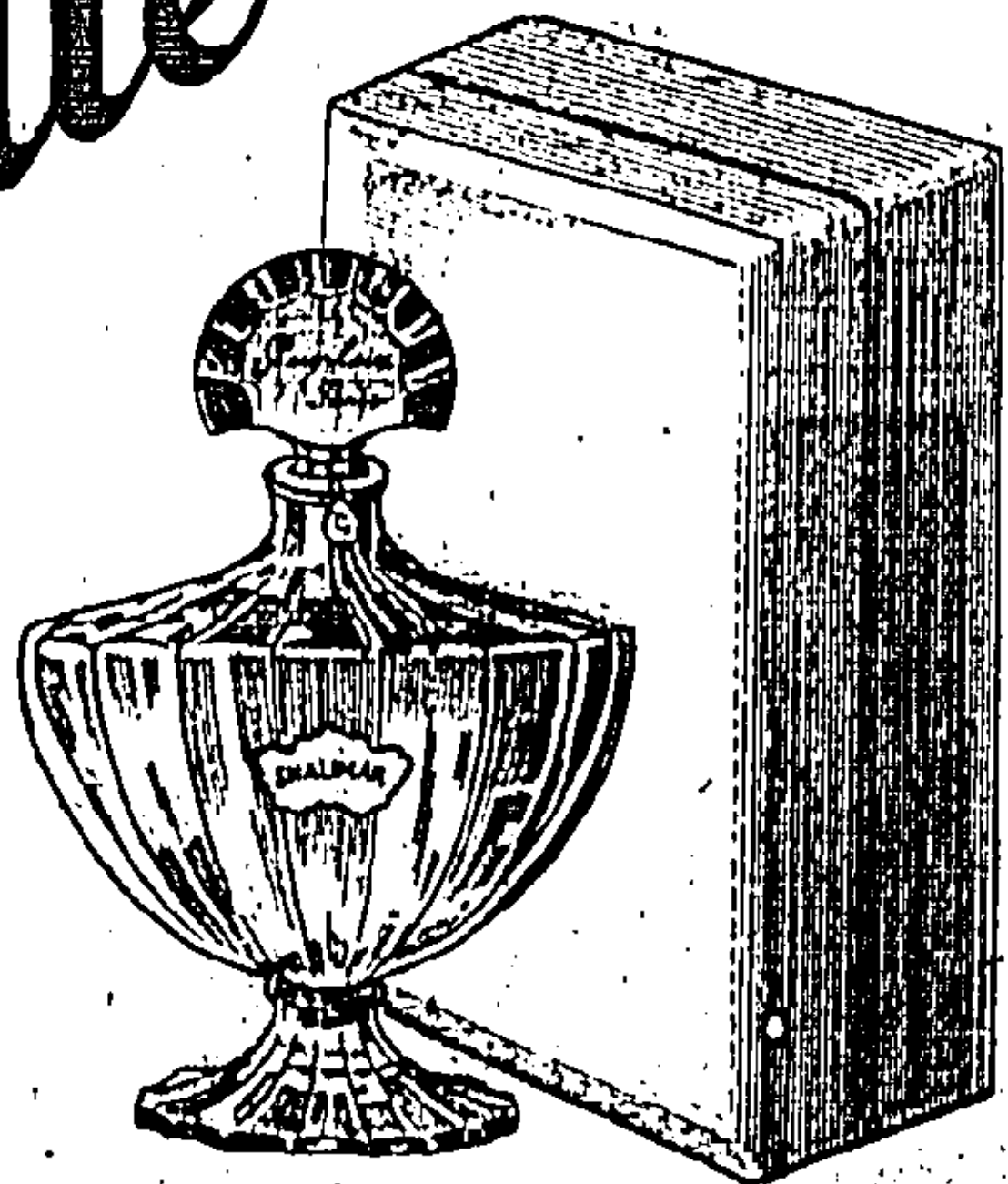
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## ABLE SEAMAN

PATRICK CAMPBELL'S  
PIECE

Dropped in the other evening... this persistent dropping in—to see the final eliminating rounds to select the English Amateur Ballroom Dancing Team to dance against the Danish Amateur Ballroom Dancing Team on Monday, December 6, at the Empress Hall, Earl's Court, in Britain's first post-war amateur international dancing match between the English Amateur Ballroom Dancing Team and the Danish Amateur Ballroom Dancing Team at the Empress Hall, Earl's Court.

Oh, I see. All right. I thought we had to go round again.

I checked my pumps at the counter, labelled "Hindling Repository" and joined in the fun.

Sparking as a man who likes the best two falls out of a limited nature. Ten couples in immaculate evening dress—what I like best about my work is the adjective—were diving and swooping round the floor with expressions on their faces varying from "Don't let me go, Charlie, I'm nearly done," to "Mother thinks I look like a swan."

But none of that old stomp-stomp. This stuff was rigidly refined.

"Tell me," I said to the lady who'd been flogged into looking after me, "Are you a professional ballroom dancer?"

She said she was.

"Well, then," I asked her, "What part of Glasgow do you come from? It's an inscrutable law of the universe that all female professional ballroom dancers come from Glasgow."

She said she'd been born in Belfast.

After that we talked about the dancing. All the dancers seemed to me to be diving and swooping with equal grace, but suddenly she pointed out one couple.

"I'd be surprised," she said, "if they got into the team. The man is not leading from the chest."

I looked at her calmly. "Not leading from the chest?" I said. "That's dancing, you know."

"It's rather hard to explain," she said. "He's bent too far forward. He's not—well—leading from the chest."

"Tell me," I said, "absolutely every single thing you know about ballroom dancing. There's hold here that must be brought to the surface."

This is what she told me, and it's going to be real news, stuff that you can quote and discuss with all your friends, so let's have the door locked on the outside, and absolute quiet. I don't want to have to go over it all again.

A large number of the leading amateur ballroom dancers are hairdressers by profession. There is no reason for this, so we can safely go on to the next.

It costs about £80 to provide yourself with a dress suitable for competitive ballroom dancing, and once you have it it's almost useless for anything else.

The dress must be on the short side, so that the judges can see the performer's feet, and it must have about seven layers of net in the skirt to give the proper flowing effect in steps like the continuous wing, and, for all I know, the tipsy and the whisk. Not a costume in which you can be down the street on a bicycle for a packet of chips, and it looks pretty queer at parties too.

The price of these gowns is a heavy drain on the amateurs' resources, but they don't mind, because if they win they get the honour and glory. Ballroom dancing is a singularly clean sport.

It is of the utmost importance that the woman should be only an inch or two shorter than the man. A pleasing picture is the ideal—a perfectly matched pair. We want no ladies with their chins resting on their partners' heads, and there is equally little chance of getting anywhere if the gentleman keeps on polling

out the lady's eye with the butt of his white waistcoat.

A suitable partner is really difficult to find. When he, or she, does come to light he, or she, is very liable to marry him, or her, to keep it in the family.

The rules, however, cuts both ways. He, or she, with advancing years, may begin to look a lot older than him, or her—oh, I can't stand this—and then comes the difficult business of detaching oneself from one's loved one, and taking on a new partner, who will, of necessity, have to have an agreeable appearance, and this may lead to trouble in the home.

And nobody, owing to the exceedingly strict regulations, gets paid a sausage for their trouble, unless they turn professional and then the trouble about partners really begins.

"Well," I said to the lady who ought to have come from Glasgow, "imagine. It just looked to me like a lot of ladies and gentlemen in immaculate evening dress diving and swooping round the floor."

At this moment came a dramatic announcement. Three couples had tied. They would have to dance again.

They came out on to the floor, and suddenly, pandemonium was let loose. The audience, who up till now had been almost apathetic, suddenly let themselves go.

A wild roar came from immediately behind me—"Wrap it up, Normy boy! Let 'em have it, Normy!"

Normy and his partner swept past, but far from showing appreciation of this loyal backing, their faces merely registered the familiar ballroom dancing smile—the smile so remote that they might have been contemplating, in a gentle way, the numerous mysteries of the hereafter.

As the band slipped into the final quick-step, the uproar became quite deafening—"Come on, Normy boy! Dance up, Normy!"

I wondered what they could possibly be wanting Normy to do. He was already all out, feathering, chassying, slithering, and, as far as I could see, leading like a lion from the chest.

The contest ended in a babel, so much so that I couldn't quite make out whether Normy boy had gained his place or not.

A moment later the floor was invaded by the onlookers, busy taking themselves with the breath-taking adventure of an excuse-me rumble.

I hadn't the heart to join in. I picked up my pumps from the handbag depository and went home. Couldn't see any partners, as a matter of fact, over six feet in height.

Reduction To The Ranks

Here's another thing they don't seem to have thought about, rushing at this Irish alien business.

What's going to become of the Irish peers? They are peers of the Realm, and it seems to me that if the Realm part is removed they aren't going to be peers of anything at all.

Let us take the case of the Earl of Ballybunnion, which I fervently hope to be a fictitious title, bearing no relation to any living person, and if the matter comes into court, I never said any such thing.

The title came into the family owing to something that happened in the time of Oliver Cromwell, so that for 300 years the Ballybunnions have been ordering groceries and getting credit with bookmakers, saying, "Just put it down to the Earl," thereby creating confidence and optimism all round.

But where are we going to be if the Earl of Ballybunnion suddenly has to revert to his family name? There is every chance that it may turn out to be something like Muldoon or Kelly. Or even Smith.

This is going to take a lot of the steam out of fashionable bridge-tens in Dublin.

The door opens; a lither gentleman—crisp moustache, impeccable tweeds—comes in. The butler, at the top of his voice, announces, "Mr. Joe Muldoon!"

It won't do at all, in fact I think they'll probably have to emigrate, and I know where they're going to go to. Paris—to join their fellows in misfortune, the White Russians.

So if you happen to be nipping over there next summer and you hire a fiacre, and you ask the driver his name, and he replies, "The Grand Duke Sean of Dun Laoghaire," please don't be surprised or embarrassed. And slip him a fairly decent tip. He'll probably need it.

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BATTLE OF THE RUHR  
1948BY  
WALTER FARR

A new battle of the Ruhr is raging—a battle between the French and the British.

It is being fought with figures and graphs and masses of documents and long-drawn-out diplomatic arguments. But it is a fierce and momentous battle, and its outcome could decide the fate of Europe for the rest of this century.

He had to face an angry battery of French experts on Germany and try to defend Britain's decision to stand by an agreement we had reached with the United States to allow the Germans eventually to resume full ownership of the Ruhr.

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Corps Of Control

Falling that they want the representatives of these countries to organise a permanent "corps of control of Ruhr management."

We have replied that we are in favour of a "corps of controllers," but that we think they should leave the Ruhr when our occupation ends.

The latest thrust of the French in this battle of words is to accuse the British Socialists of

sacrificing—the Ruhr—to please the German Socialist Party.

They have also lashed out against the Americans and accused them of abandoning the plan for permanent control of the Ruhr "so that American capitalists can make big profits by private investment in Germany-owned Ruhr mines and steel mills."

The British Government denies these charges, and insists that the French is to keep trying to reassure them that whatever they have been decided about Ruhr ownership, Britain intends to stand by the pledge which Mr. Bevin made in the 1947 Anglo-French Treaty of Dunkirk—that Germany should be prevented from becoming again a menace to peace.

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## KING'S ILLNESS

# NO TRUTH IN REPORT OF AMPUTATION THEORY

London, December 11.

A New York newspaper report that Royal doctors were considering amputation to check the serious disease in the legs of King George VI, was flatly denied on Friday by the highest authorities.

The statement, coming from a source which insisted on remaining unnamed, was given to the Associated Press and the Buckingham Palace correspondents of two British news agencies.

The source broke recent silence on the condition of King George, who was ordered to bed last month because of an

## "Fatal Gangrene"

The Mirror said that an American doctor was flying to Buckingham Palace for consultation with the King's physicians. It said the King's doctors were "on the verge of ordering one or both of his legs amputated to check fatal gangrene."

There is no truth to the report that an American doctor has been called into consultation, it was stated. "There is no truth in the New York report that the King's doctors are contemplating amputation of either of both feet," he added.

## Grave Concern

There has been no doubt, however, that the Palace circles are gravely concerned for the King's health.

He has not left Buckingham Palace since his illness was announced on November 23 and he was reported to be spending much of his time in bed.

A report from his physicians last Monday reported slight improvement in his blood circulation. Another medical bulletin is expected next Monday.—Associated Press.

## U.S. ADVISORY GROUP CONTINUES

Nanking, December 10. A spokesman of the Joint United States Military Advisory Group today categorically denied widespread Nanking reports that the Group was discontinuing its advisory work in the capital as from today.

It was admitted that there had been a reduction of personnel and in certain activities, but the spokesman stated that general advisory work was continuing as long as conditions permitted.—Reuter.

## Egyptians Advance In Palestine

Tel-Aviv, December 10.

Egyptian infantry supported by a column of tanks thrust across the Palestine border today in what may be a drive to recapture Beer-sheva, according to an Israeli military spokesman.

Leah, Colonel Moshe Perlman said that a battle is now continuing in the Negev desert in South Palestine but he gave no details.

In Paris, however, both Egypt and Israel seemed ready to negotiate an armistice. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today called the acting mediator, Ralph J. Bunche, that Israel is ready to withdraw from Negev releasing an estimated 2,000 Egyptian soldiers trapped in Faluja.

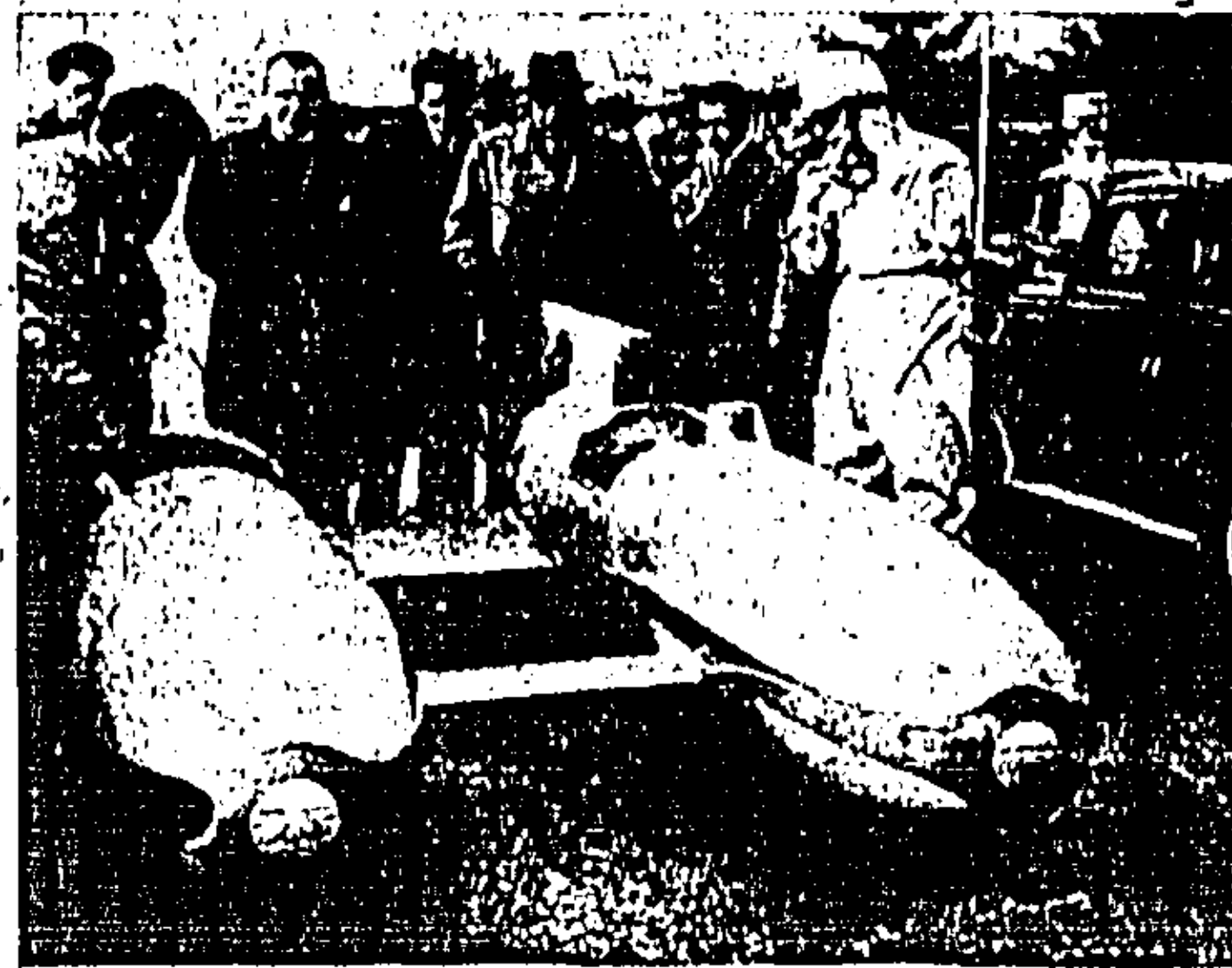
Ben-Gurion warned, however, that Israel would withdraw her men only if Egypt would guarantee not to use the Faluja soldiers "for further acts of aggression against Israel."

Colonel Perlman said that a "strong infantry formation" and at least 10 tanks had attacked the Jewish settlement of Nirim, less than five miles from the Egyptian frontier.—United Press.

## MARATHON FLIGHT

Washington, December 10. A United States four-engine B-50 bomber plane has flown 9,400 miles non-stop from Fort Worth, Texas to Hawaii and back in slightly over 40 hours by using "tanker" planes to refuel in mid-air.—Reuter.

## Breaker Of Five Records



Italian racing driver Pietro Taruffi (right) adjusts his helmet before entering his unorthodox twin-engine shaped midget car to break five world speed records for the 500 cc class on the Brescia-Bergamo highway, Italy.

The three-foot high twin-fuselage car, one side of which houses the engine (a two-cylinder Guzzi) and the other the driver, shattered the one kilometre (flying start), five kilometres (flying start), five miles (flying start) and one mile (standing start). He is also reported to have broken the one kilometre (standing start). AP Photo.

## Weather Proves Real Enemy In Mock Battle

Plymouth, December 10.

The wild Atlantic at its worst, rather than the invading "Red" fleet has been "Blue-land's" major enemy in the past 24 hours of Britain's mock war.

So far, the gale raging off the South-West coast has blunted all the efforts of the air defenses in storming the advance of the "Red" surface vessels. Twice frustrated by storms in

attempts by "atom bombs" to wipe out the fleet of "Blue-land," the service chiefs were at dawn today faced with the fact that the enemy's units were still unscathed and were only about 250 miles from the coasts.

## Dispute Over Radio In Berlin

Berlin, December 10.

British officials yesterday declined to comment on a newspaper report that the Russians had been asked to quit the Berlin radio station in the British Sector.

The station's director was reported to have told his staff: "An order to withdraw must be expected. We are, however, prepared to resist."

When Berlin was captured by the Red Army the Russians found that Radio Berlin, including technical equipment, studios and thousands of recordings, was intact and in working order. Less than a week later Radio Berlin was on the air under Soviet control.

That control has never been relinquished and today the Western Allies face the situation of Radio Berlin studios located in the British Sector and the transmitter in the French Sector, and the Russians allowing none of the other occupying powers to use the station facilities.

Six months ago the British Military Government served the Russians with notice to quit, but they refused.—Reuter.

Although the mock continued sea-air exercises can only approximate to the grim reality of actual war, the opening rounds of "Operation Sunrise" have shown that even atom bombs are no sure shield against sea-borne invasion helped by weather.

Early today the second Blue-land sortie of atom bomb-carrying Lincoln's struggled back to their bases, beaten by the weather in locating the Red warships. The attack leader's plane was forced back soon after take-off with technical trouble.

## Grim Conditions

For over eight hours the other eight aircraft fought a ceaseless battle against blinding rain, severe icing, low clouds and driving winds before returning to their base to report "no bombs dropped" and "Fleet not sighted."

The Red-land force is under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir Roderick McGrigor, Commander-in-Chief Home Fleet and it is understood at Plymouth that he has at his disposal one battleship, three aircraft carriers, three cruisers and 19 destroyers.

The Blue-land naval commander is Admiral Sir Robert L. Burnett (Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth).

The air strike force is controlled by Air Vice Marshal F. L. Hopps, Air Officer Commanding the 10th Group, RAF Plymouth.—Reuter.

# JAPAN TO BE U.S. BUFFER AGAINST REDS

Tokyo, December 11.

There are many indications that the present United States policy is to make America's Far East stand against Communism in Japan and not on the continent of Asia.

Numerous foreign observers here are of this opinion and believe that this policy will become more and more apparent in the future.

They believe that only an unforeseen turn of events could result in a major change, such as a decision to make one last attempt to save the Chinese Nationalist regime. In any case, they note, Japan would remain as the sure and real buffer between the United States and Communist Asia.

While the Japanese would like to see a lot of U.S. money poured into their country, they do have sincere interest in seeing Communism halted in China.

## Threat To Japan

The Japanese would like to see Nationalist China saved, because they feel that a Communist China would be a real threat to Japan. Hence you find many Japanese who are anxious to see the United States extend a helping hand to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's regime.

Americans as well as Japanese here are anxiously studying the U.S. position. There are several points which lead them to believe that American officials have decided to back Japan rather than China as a democratic barrier against Communism in the Far East. They are:

(1) Continued cool official attitude in Washington towards necessary gigantic loans and assistance necessary to save China.

(2) However, U.S. proposals for the withdrawal of both United States and Russian forces from Korea. This could be a prelude to complete U.S. military withdrawal from the mainland of Asia.

## Five Year Plan

(3) General MacArthur's recent directive to the Japanese government to launch a five-year building programme. The programme would speed up Japanese recovery and would prove of value to American military forces in time of war.

(4) The current American talks in Washington on further aid to Japan. (5) President Truman's announcement that General MacArthur would not be sent to China. General MacArthur is considered to be the logical choice for any future post which might be set up to oversee an all-out battle against Communism in the Far East.

(6) The decision to wind up all Japanese war crimes tribunals in Japan by the end of this year. This was interpreted as the forerunner of an intense United States drive to win friends for America or for Americans here.

(7) The Far Eastern Commission decision, pushed by the United States, to put Japanese foreign trade on a virtually free basis. (8) The United States has constructed air bases in Japan hours.—Reuter.

(9) The United States has excellent bases in Japan. (10) The announced United States policy to rebuild Japanese industry and put the country on its feet.

(11) There is less danger of an open conflict with Russia if the United States continues her present successful programme in Japan than if the United States moves for a similar all-out effort in China.—United Press.

## Human Race May Be Changed

San Francisco, December 10.

The human race may be unfavourably changed in future generations because of present day use of radio-activity in medical treatment, Professor Herman J. Muller warned yesterday.

Professor Muller, Nobel Prize winning geneticist at the University of Indiana, said fluoroscopic radio-active isotopes, atom smasher and X-ray machines are combining to increase sharply the chances of genetic injury. Even a routine examination of a woman's abdomen by fluoroscopy means a 10 per cent chance of handicapping and killing one of her descendants—perhaps hundreds of years hence.

"X-ray examination or treatment are necessary, special care should be taken to shield the glands."

Routine fluoroscopic examination sends more high energy radiation in a person's body than he received in an entire lifetime a century ago from natural radiation from the earth. Yet this examination may some day mean that a yet to be born person may be crippled, sterile or die in his mother's womb because of injury to her genes.—United Press.

## STRIKERS' DELAY THE EXPRESS

Nanking, December 10. One hundred striking railway workers at Chingking today laid across the railway tracks preventing the passage of the Shanghai-Nanking day express.

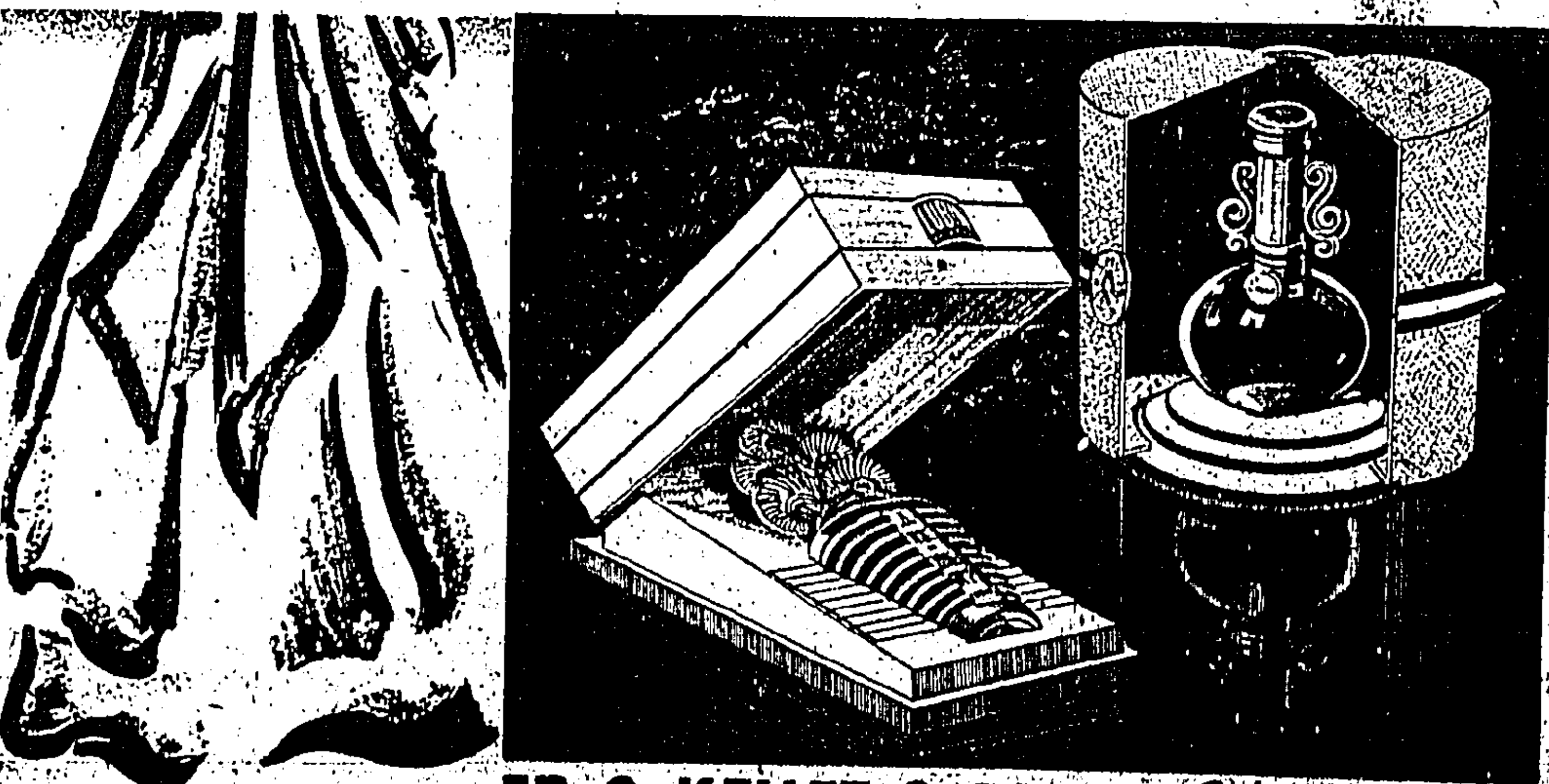
Chingking, the provincial capital of Kiangsu, is on the Yangtze about 45 miles East of Nanking. The men struck because their Nanking colleagues received a grant of GY 1,000 each towards expenses of evacuating dependents whereas they had received nothing. After several hours of rail sitting, the men called off the strike when the authorities agreed to negotiate.

The express continued on its journey after a delay of six hours.—Reuter.

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## SOUTH AFRICAN RACIALISM

Popular opinion is solidly behind the Malan Government in its desire to send the Indians back home.

The Government is still engaged on the details, which are riddled with constitutional issues, but already the coast has been worked out—£400,000. This is a formidable bill for a small tax-paying community, but large sections of the European population want this move despite the cost.

Opinion against the Indians is not confined to supporters of the Malan Government. The United Party, which is General Smuts's party, at a recent meeting in Natal unanimously requested a round-table conference between the Union, India and Pakistan, with the aim of achieving urgent repatriation of the Indians. The resolution also asked that pending repatriation certain restrictive measures be imposed.

### Agitators Busy

Opposing any repatriation step are a small and noisy "body" of Communists, churchmen and liberal-minded people, but they are a minority.

The Indian community watches apprehensively and calls are being made to all Indians to stand together and fight the Government. Mr. Y. Cachalia, secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress, told me that the Indians would resist any move to send them out of the country.

They would be prepared to intensify the struggle by a big civil disobedience campaign on the lines taught by Gandhi. "If violence is used we shall meet bloodshed with passive resistance," he said.

### INDIAN VIEW

Should Dr. Malan carry out his threat to repatriate the Indians it would create a human tragedy in many ways more complicated than last year's Punjab refugee problem, which India has not yet solved.

The first bottleneck of repatriates landing at Bombay would certainly be received as "heroes" complete with speeches and other trappings, but succeeding bottlenecks would find a rapidly increasing antagonism from native-born Indians, who would see the newcomers as "foreigners," harder working, untrammelled by caste and prepared to take their livelihoods from them.

### Caste Apart

The repatriates themselves would find it almost impossible to settle down among the caste and custom ridden indigenous population.

Being largely Muslims and South Indian peasant stock, many of them either Moslems or Christians, they would naturally tend to settle in South India, where their presence would aggravate the north-south tension which already exists over a national language.

If Dr. Malan repatriated only Indians of Hindu stock, which is a possibility suggested by South Africa's trade overtures to Pakistan, it would greatly heighten India-Pakistan tension. This at present shows signs of declining.

But India is not fearful that Dr. Malan's threats will be enforced. They are confident that he will eventually have to give in to India's demands. Passive resistance effectively got rid of the British, they say and will beat the South Africans.



Nationalist soldiers, members of a mortar detachment watch Nationalist heavy artillery shells explode short of the Communist lines from their front line position on outskirts of Erchenchi, South of Hsichow. (AP Photo).

## Communists "Rule" A British Island

From the village walls of Cyprus, under the silver-dusted olive trees, the notices stare at you in English, Greek and Turkish: "£250 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for 18 cases of dynamiting houses."

The Union Jack flies over the offices of our District Commissioner's offices in the island's four biggest towns—Nicosia, the capital, and the ports of Larnaca, Limassol and Famagusta. But all four have Communist mayors.

Four-foot high, red hammer-and-sickle signs are painted on the mountain roads.

In a dusty lane strike pickets give the clenched fist salute.

### Red "Outpost"

The red in the Cyprus scene is not restricted to the all-Technical colour glory of the island's sunsets.

True, our latest jet fighters skim over the rocky coasts of the last 3,500 square miles of territory we control in the Eastern Mediterranean. Sunburnt British soldiers clump through the street. Destroyers, sloops and cruisers of the Mediterranean Fleet show

## Repatriation Discontinued

Tokyo, December 11. Soviet authorities have notified SCAP they will suspend repatriation of their Japanese prisoners during winter.

A SCAP spokesman immediately expressed disappointment over the suspension by which more than 400,000 Japanese are condemned to a fourth winter in Soviet areas. He reiterated SCAP promises of icebreakers and ships.

Lieutenant General Kubma Dreyvick, Soviet member of the Allied Council, said in a brief letter to headquarters that repatriation was discontinued, due to heavy climatic and icing conditions, until the navigation season of 1949.—Associated Press.

the flag at the ports U.S. Forces squats on the runway. Nicosia airfield alongside R.A.F. fighters.

But it seems that Russia has an outpost here.

Don't underestimate the importance of Cyprus today. Behind a 200-mile-wide Mediterranean barrier the island outflanks the traditional route for an invasion of the Nile Valley and

### By J.L. HAYS

Egypt from the East. Planes from Cyprus can cover every mile of the 600 miles long, one-road, one-railway route over the coastal plains between the Syrian-Turkish frontier and the Suez Canal.

Why does the Cyprus Government allow the long arm of Moscow to reach out and grab for an island which has been likened to a vast Anglo-American aircraft carrier anchored only 400 bomber miles from Suez, 550 miles from the Dardanelles, 500 miles from the oil pipeline terminal, and 700 miles from the Black Sea ports?

One answer is that Cyprus provides a classic example of Communist infiltration. This island has been British since 1878. It has a population of 450,000 and, among 305,000 Greek-speaking Cypriots, the Communist-controlled Left claims nearly 100,000 adherents.

### Infiltration

Here is a text-book description of a Communist drive: 1. INFILTRATION. In 1941, with World War II raging, the Cyprus Government legalized trade unions. Simultaneously the Greek-speaking Left launched A.K.E.L., using for the first time trade union funds for political purposes. In those early days A.K.E.L., the People's Movement, professed a broad liberalism modelled on the then apparently Socialist—Liberal alliance of B.A.M. on the Greek mainland.

But when Russia was attacked by Germany, A.K.E.L. dropped its lukewarmness towards the war. The Communists in its ranks took over command, pictures of Stalin appeared in clubs

## WILL THE DREAM OF CECIL RHODES COME TRUE?

Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, Monday.

A long-forgotten dream of Cecil Rhodes has a chance of becoming reality in the £17,000,000 project for a Rhodesia-East Africa railway link.

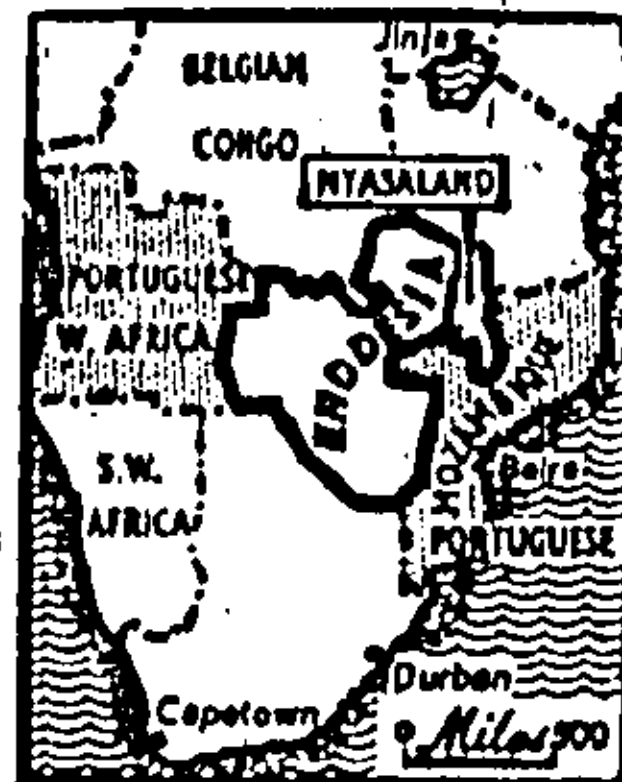
At last the landlocked "little empire" in the heart of Africa is to have a life-line of its own and won't be dependent on the bounty of a foreign nation in reaching the sea.

Next to man-power, transport is Africa's greatest "if," and a through route from the Cape to the source of the Nile at Jinja, with branch lines down to British East African ports, will open up a whole new Commonwealth.

Air routes between the distant settlements in this country are meticulously organised and operated, but roads are still primitive and railways hardly exist.

### Smelting By Wood

Southern Rhodesia has to wait months for urgently needed development goods from the choked ports of Portugal's Beira and the Union's Durban and Capetown.



The great copper mines in Northern Rhodesia, which are capable of being big dollar earners, are burning wood in their smelters.

### BY NOEL MONKS

ing fires because the rickety railway line can't carry enough of the coal which the Rhodesians have in abundance.

The two potential federations of East Africa and Central Africa have no rail link. There is no physical junction between the main Tanganyika line and the railways of Kenya and Uganda. But the cruelest cut of all, as far as the Rhodesia line is concerned, is that 150-mile stretch through Portuguese territory to Beira.

"If only Rhodes had secured that corridor," is a universal sigh here. But he didn't—and the Rhodesians must detour through 1,000 miles of jungle to get to a port under the Union Jack.

Everyone is anxious that work begins on the proposed railway as soon as possible. Meanwhile, plans for the amalgamation of Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland—which have been described as the worst examples of waste in the British Empire—are being pushed quietly ahead, with more hindrance than help from Whitehall.

### Only A Crumb

Fortified by his recent outright election victory, Sir Godfrey Huggins, Southern Rhodesia's first Premier, is determined to see this great ideal of his realised. His attitude to Whitehall's cold shoulder was this: "I've asked for a loaf, but Whitehall has only given me a crumb. We do not need another miracle of loaves

### Is It Wise?

This is the position to-day. What is the Cyprus Government doing? Almost nothing. Just that.

The Communist newspapers have the biggest circulations on the island. Press laws are lenient.

There is some Government control of processions and meetings. But, in practice, Communist propaganda and organisation has a clear field.

The Cypriots have more freedom of thought, speech and gathering than anywhere else within 1,000 miles radius.

All this may be in the best British tradition. But with the lesson of Malaya still unfolding, there may be Britons here—and Greeks and Turks, too—who are asking: "Is it wise?"

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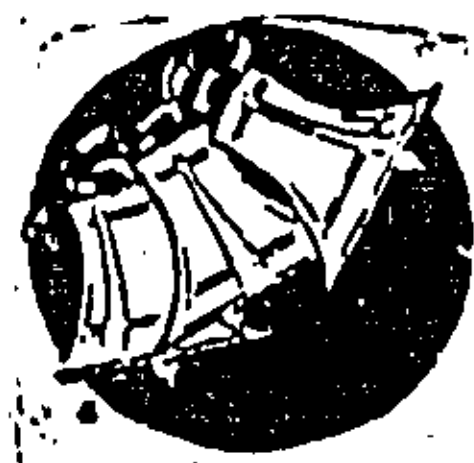
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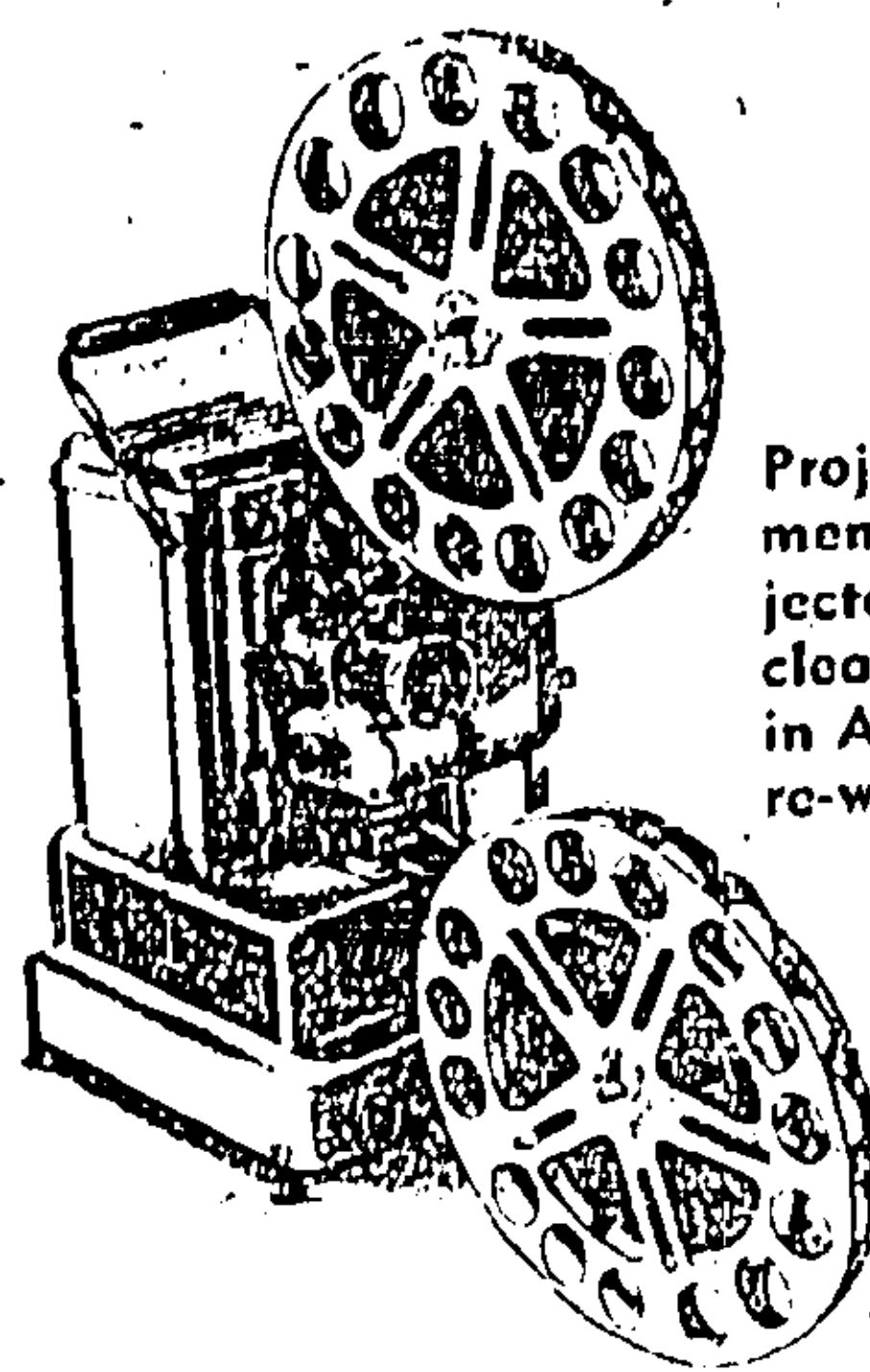
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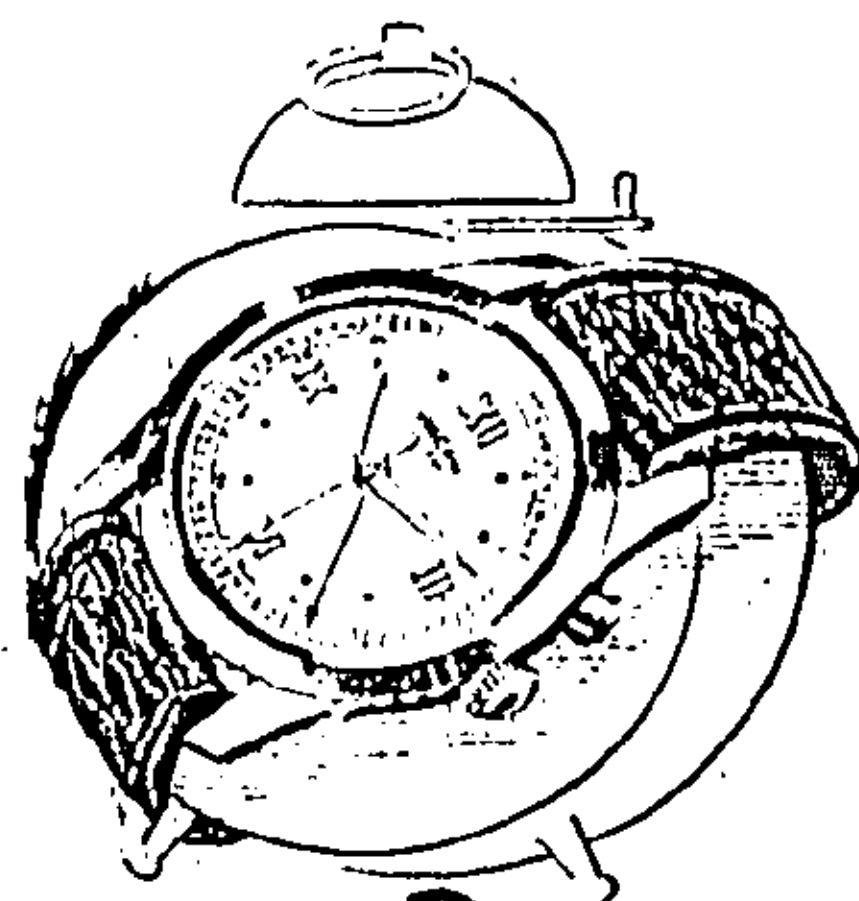
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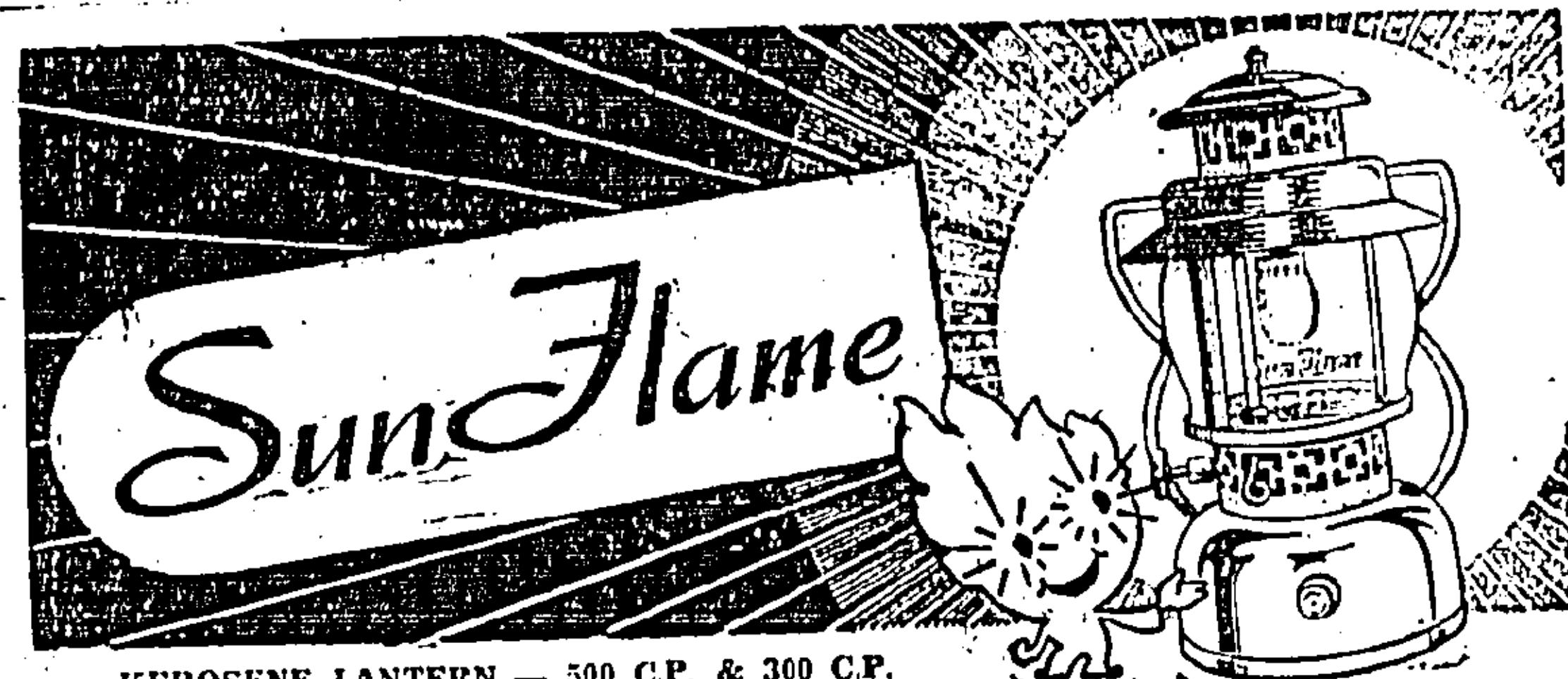
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## FINANCIAL HELP FOR STUDENTS

Washington, December 10.

The Chinese Embassy has been authorized to give financial assistance to 1,200 Chinese graduate students in this country, who have been hard hit by their government's August 19 currency reform.

A spokesman said that the Nanking Government has granted permission to the Embassy to grant up to \$400 to students wishing to return to China by February 1.

## Desperate Attempt By Britain

Cairo, December 10.  
The move to proclaim King Abdullah of Transjordan as King of the United Hashimite Kingdom to include Arab Palestine was a desperate attempt by Britain to regain her lost position in the Middle East, the Egyptian Opposition press said today.

Arab League members are now awaiting the outcome of next Monday's meeting of the Transjordan Parliament, which is expected to approve the creation of a "United Hashimite Kingdom."

This united kingdom, according to some observers in Cairo, would imply the annexation of Arab Palestine by Transjordan as provided in the Bernadotte Plan.

The Waikiki "Saw El Umma," said: "The world in general and the Arab States in particular know the British will not give up their manoeuvring in Palestine to preserve their own interests."

The "Al Kalla," organ of the Waikiki dissident bloc, stated: "The comedy played by Transjordan is an old story. Transjordan could not have adopted such an attitude by herself. Britain has a hand in this dangerous game."

The newspaper, "Al Misri," reported yesterday that the Transjordan Parliament would shortly approve Tuesday's acceptance by the Transjordan Cabinet of the resolution of a Congress of Palestinian Arabs at Jericho last week which called on King Abdullah to proclaim himself King of Palestine.

King Abdullah's interests in Palestine have always been bitterly opposed by the Mufti of Jerusalem, Al Haj Amin Hussein, who has considered himself Palestine's uncrowned king.—Reuter.

## EXPLOSIONS KILL SEVEN WORKERS

Topeka, Kansas.

December 11.  
A series of explosions rocked the Kansas Power and Light Company's main plant late Thursday, killing at least seven workers and injuring 17.—Associated Press.

Loans of up to \$100 will be given to those who wish to stay until they receive additional money from home.

### Self-Supporting

The spokesman said the currency reform has sharply reduced the amount of money formerly available to the students. It was emphasized that the plan covers only those students classified as "certified self-supporting."

It was explained that students in this category had passed the official government examinations before they came to this country to study at their own expense.

The Chinese Consulates in New York and San Francisco have been instructed by the Embassy to arrange grants, loans and transportation to China.

About 250 students wholly supported by the Chinese government have been granted increased funds to meet the results of the currency reform.

The spokesman denied that the students had been left penniless by the Chinese military crisis or that the government had cut off their support.—United Press.

## Burmese Beauties Must Not Boast Bold Bodices

Rangoon, December 11.

Present-day Miss Burma is laying heavy emphasis upon "The Bosom"—and Police Chief Aung Chin doesn't like it.

Burmese wear three garments only—a Longyi (sarong, to you), an aingyi (or jacket) and a bodice.

The jacket is made of flimsy material. With the passing years, it has grown steadily shorter. Today the nearly transparent garment—barely covers the bosom.

New-style bodices, built along brassiere lines, are cut low both in front and at the back. Consequently well-dressed Burmese girls today are revealing what Hollywood's Johnson Office might call "too much cleavage."

### More Coverage

The police chief here, disapproving of this departure, issued an edict. He told bodice manufacturers to alter the lines of the garment in order to give more coverage.

He said: "In future you will refrain from making women look immodest—or else."

## BRIBE INQUIRY

# STANLEY'S FLAT WAS "REGULAR PORT OF CALL" FOR BELCHER

London, December 10.

After his wife had burst into tears and staggered from the witness box at today's session of the inquiry into alleged corruption in Government circles, Mr. John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, returned to the witness box to continue his evidence.

Recalled, Mr. Belcher admitted that Stanley once gave him one or two bottles of whisky. The Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, suggested to him that Stanley's flat "was a regular port of call, where you could get free drinks and, if necessary, take it away."

Mr. Belcher agreed this was true.

Sir Hartley suggested that Stanley's generosity had made it very difficult for Mr. Belcher not to meet him and his business associates when Stanley wanted him to do so.

Mr. Belcher: "Yes, I will grant that, but on the other hand, I think it must be granted that the fact I saw his business associates did not of necessity mean that his business associates would get what they were seeking, even if in one or two cases it appears they did."

**Soskice Recalled**  
Mr. Belcher's evidence was interrupted for a second time when Sir Frank Soskice, the Solicitor General, spent two

minutes in the witness box.

The Attorney General recalled Sherman's story that Stanley said he had paid money to the Solicitor General in connection with a prosecution of Sherman's football pools concern.

Sir Frank Soskice, in a series of denials, indicated that he did not know the Sherman brothers or Stanley, had never met them, had no knowledge of the prosecution, and had received no money in connection with the matter.

When Mr. Belcher was recalled to continue his evidence, he said "any friendship that existed between myself and Stanley was in no way at all dependent on any hospitality or generosity, in the form of gifts, shown by Stanley."

### Clothing Coupons

Mr. Belcher agreed that Stanley gave him a "fairly valuable" cigarette case. He said Stanley gave him a suit for which he had not paid. He gave Stanley the ration coupons for the suit.

When the Attorney General closely questioned Mr. Belcher about these coupons, he said: "I am afraid that however long this examination goes on, I am not willing to accept the imputation that receiving gifts from a close personal friend placed me in his debt."

Mr. Belcher added: "One does not use one's position as Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, to give kindnesses by doing something that is improper or immoral." Mr. Belcher agreed that his intervention had led to the issue of a licence for work at a seaside hotel which would otherwise not have been granted.

### No Consciousness

The Attorney General: "Was this perhaps a case where you were repaying in the only way you could some of the benevolence of Stanley?"

Mr. Belcher: "I would ask you to believe that there was never at any time any consciousness of doing something that was irregular in order to repay Stanley."

Mr. Belcher denied that any football pool promoters ever offered him £50,000 to put Sherman's pools out of business or that they made clear that they would like Sherman put out of business. He denied that his decision to withdraw a prosecution against Sherman's football pools against the advice of his official was "another example of doing something for Stanley for one of his friends."

He said Stanley did not raise the Sherman prosecution with him.

Mr. Belcher denied that he attended a birthday party arranged by Stanley after he had learned that allegations were being made against him.

Mr. Belcher agreed that Stanley had paid for dinner and for drinks when they visited dog tracks together and sometimes for his admission.

### Xmas Present

He said he thought Stanley's present of a valuable cigarette case was intended as a Christmas present. He said Stanley had suggested taking him to a West End firm of tailors which he said he had acquired or was about to acquire after Mr. Belcher had jocularly drawn Stanley's attention to cigarette burns on his trousers.

Mr. Belcher insisted he gave Stanley ration coupons for the suit.

The Attorney General asked Mr. Belcher if it was not a very awkward position to have to receive gifts which he could not return except perhaps by way of his good offices at the Board of Trade.

Mr. Belcher said that he assumed that Stanley was a business executive of some kind, but he did not make any enquiries. He denied that Stanley had complete access to him at his office.

He did not think he had ever refused to see Stanley but when he did come it was by previous arrangement by telephone. He recalled only six people introduced to him by Stanley, who subsequently asked him for assistance. He regarded every contract with business men as useful to his official duties.

Mr. Belcher said he refused to discuss business with Sherman when he met him at Stanley's flat, but he did not assume from Sherman's arrival while he was there that Stanley was a "contact man."

### Shocking Story

Questioned on the decision to withdraw the prosecution of Sherman's pools, Mr. Belcher said the final decision was left to him, but he did not ask for this responsibility and it was not a welcome one.

The Board of Trade solicitor held the view that the prosecution should be dropped. Mr. Belcher said, but he agreed that there was weight on departmental advice against dropping it.

Mr. Belcher, referring to the birthday party which Stanley gave for him, said: "If I had heard the shocking story which I did subsequently hear on another occasion, would I have gone to the birthday party?"

The Attorney General: "Unless indeed that story had been true."

Sir Hartley added that if it had been true that might have been why Mr. Belcher went to the party—because there was no reason to stay away and because he wanted to discuss matters with Stanley.

Mr. Belcher: "I am not going to comment on that."

Mr. Benjamin Pearlman, the next witness, was rebuked by the chairman of the Tribunal, during an examination on his business activities: "I am going to have the truth from you and no more nonsense," Justice Lynskey said.

Pearlman denied Stanley had approached him to underwrite shares of a Manchester firm but he agreed he asked Stanley for shares in Sherman's pools. He intended placing these shares and getting a commission.

The Tribunal then adjourned until Monday.—Reuter.

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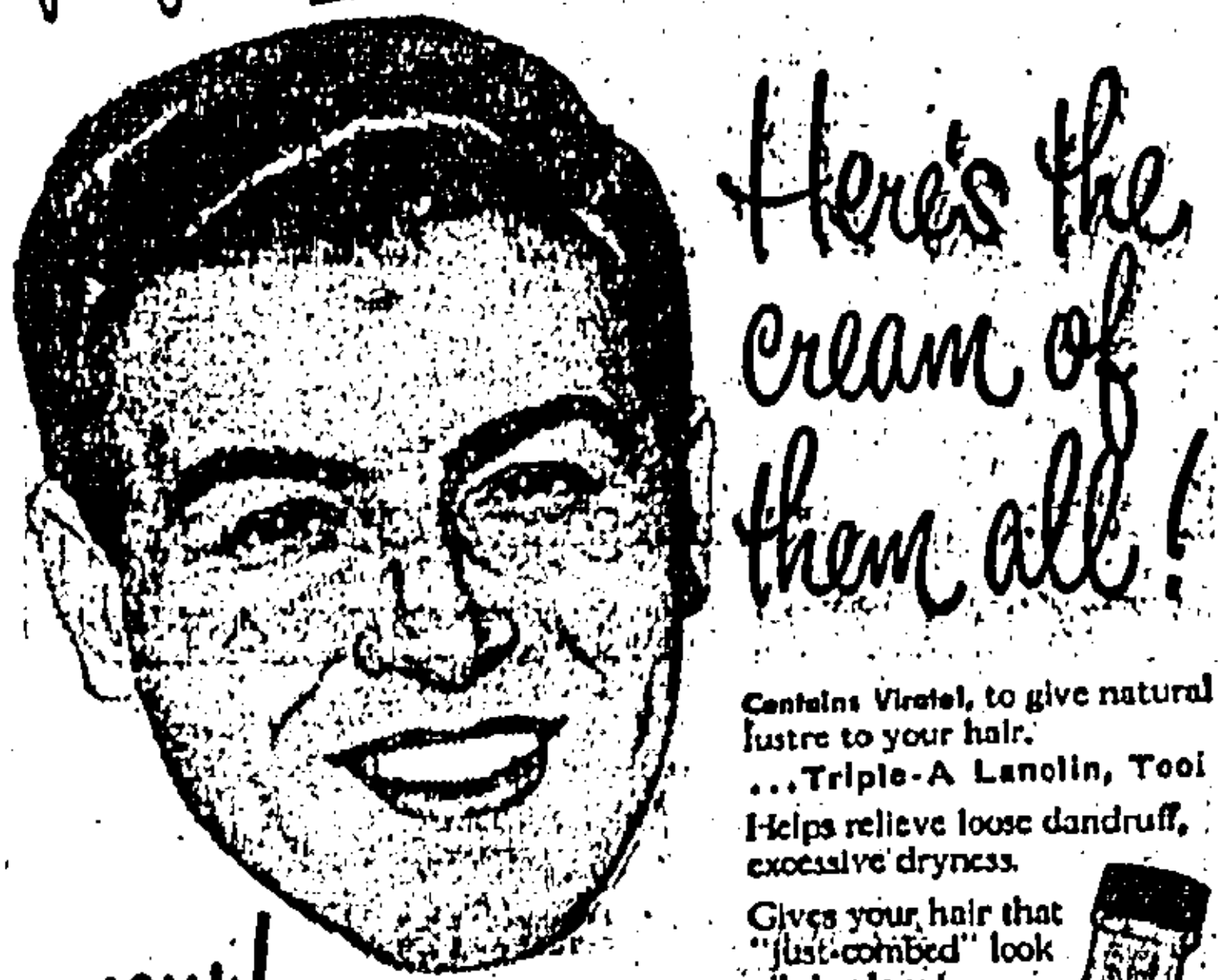
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## B.B.C. RED BIAS CHARGE

What is the truth behind the so-called "Red bias" at the B.B.C.?

The subject is given new importance by a series of outspoken allegations made by Lord Craigavon, President of the recently formed Listeners' Association.

In correspondence with Lord Simon of Wythenshawe, chairman of the B.B.C., Lord Craigavon says: "The B.B.C. is pursuing a sustained policy of presenting Russia, Communism and revolution in a sympathetic light."

Lord Simon's reply is a denial of bias in the Home services (with which I am in full agreement) and the assertion that it is not in the B.B.C.'s province to make comments. Their task is to ensure that British listeners have current affairs fairly represented according to their importance.

### 'Wasting Money'

Lord Craigavon makes these further criticisms to me:

1. The B.B.C. is wasting public money (approximately £15,000 a year) in maintaining a service in Russian which is either futile and inept in content or which gives the impression that Britain feels only the greatest friendship and respect for Russia.

2. Many of the B.B.C.'s Russian staff have strong Soviet sympathies which colour the talks put out to Russia.

3. Apart from extracts from newspaper articles and quotations from political speeches, the B.B.C. makes no direct criticism of such things as the Berlin blockade, the Russian wives problem or the Russian assertion that the war was won by the U.S.S.R. single-handed.

Mr. Kenneth Adam, Head of B.B.C. Publicity, in a letter to me, emphatically denies each of these charges.

He adds: "The motive of B.B.C. broadcasts to Russia is to explain our national point of view and way of life. This is done by news bulletins, commentaries, without suppression or distortion, by commentators who analyse current events in the light of British opinion, and by reviews of the British Press."

"No attempt is made to disguise the very wide measure of support in Britain for the Government's foreign policy, or the strongly differing points of view on internal policy."

To strengthen the B.B.C.'s case Mr. Adam has taken the unusual course of making available to me a complete specimen week of B.B.C. Russian broadcast service, dated November 7 to November 13, 1946. I will summarise my

impressions under four headings. SURPRISE that broadcasting for November 7 should open with the words: "Today, on the 31st anniversary of the October Revolution, we are sending greetings to our listeners in the Soviet Union." This was followed by the playing of the Soviet national anthem.

### Pointless—

I was equally surprised to see that Marshal Timoshenko should be quoted by the B.B.C. to an all-Russian audience in the same broadcast, as saying: "The Soviet

By Jonah Barrington

Army must continue to preserve a steel and complete military preparedness."

What point is there in the B.B.C. telling the Russians what they have been told thousands of times by their own radio and Press?

APPRECIATION of the B.B.C.'s fair and equitable presentation of world news and opinion concerning Russian affairs, whether critical or otherwise. There is no pulling of punches.

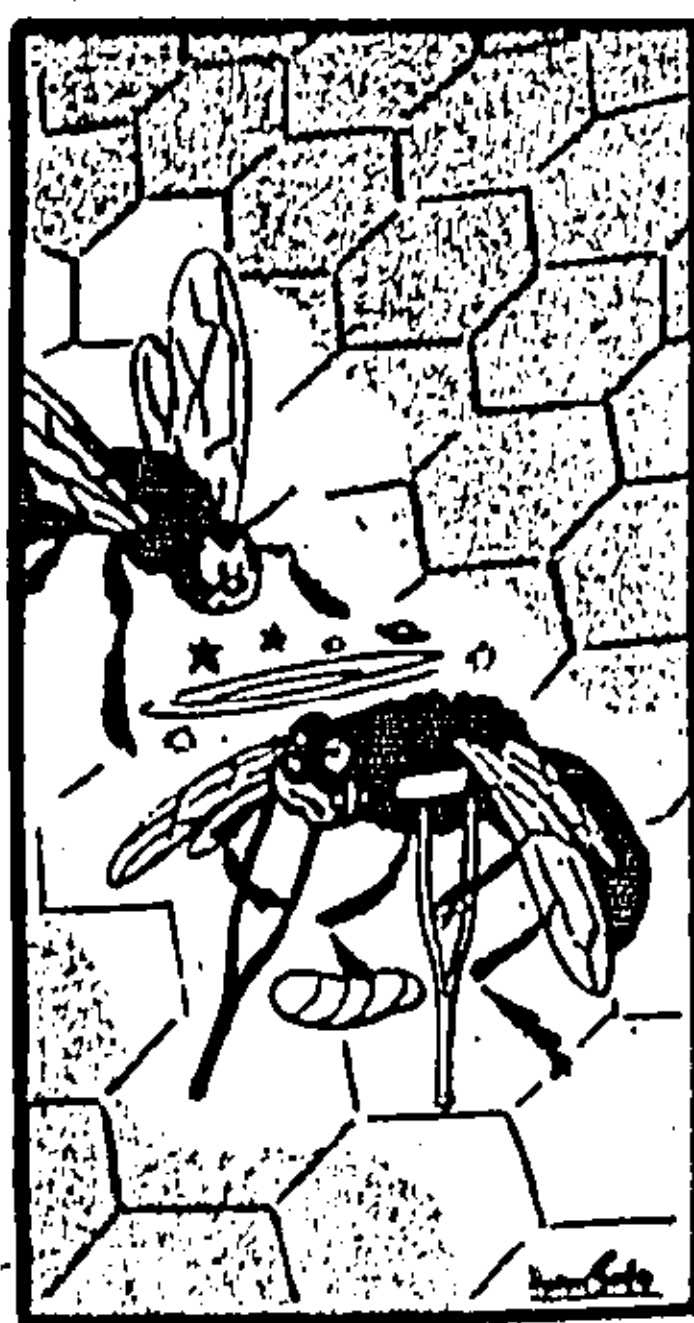
There are constant references to the Berlin air-lift, giving details of the numbers of planes employed, tonnage, &c. The U.N.O. talks are given wide coverage.

PERPLEXITY over some of the subjects chosen for talks. What Russian listener, for instance, is going to risk the charge of being "Westernised" for the sake of hearing a B.B.C. talk on lithography at the Victoria and Albert Museum, or the London motor-show (with mouth-watering descriptions of the new models), or the origin of a University "rag"?

### —to the Point—

For more to the point in the particular week's talks that I was shown were an exposition of the military and political consequences of atomic energy and a Parliamentary report in which Mr. W. J. Brown, Independent M.P. for Rugby, was quoted as saying: "The Russian Government is much worse than any other."

DOUBT as to whether the B.B.C. in its anxiety to present all shades of opinion in this country has not at time gone too far.



"Run into one of these Communist-controlled cells!"

Phrases are used which, although innocent enough in their context are capable of being lifted by the Russians for propaganda purposes to the detriment of Britain.

Such a phrase occurred in a book review recently when a speaker told the Russians that many of Britain's present Labour leaders are "very narrow in their outlook and have little Socialist theory."

### Who Listens?

Now, what are the B.B.C.'s difficulties in maintaining this service? Firstly, they have no idea how many Russians are listening—if, indeed, any—or whether it is a crime for them to listen. It is thought that the service is getting through at good strength, and it is hoped that the Soviet intelligentsia is interested.

Secondly, the B.B.C. is debarred from having an editorial opinion of its own, which inevitably gives a lukewarm flavour to its output.

Thirdly, any attempt to "hot up" the service might lead to Russian jamming. Therefore the B.B.C.'s aim is to woo Russian listeners, as far as possible, with talks and dance music (Edmund Ross was the chosen band on November 10), hoping that they eventually hear the news.

"Our bulletins," says the B.B.C., "have in fact been the only way in which the Russians have been able to hear the full case of the Western Powers on the Berlin blockade issue."

In general, I find Lord Craigavon's case not proven. He sees all the obvious errors but none of the obvious difficulties. The B.B.C. Russian service staff of 31 announcers, producers and executives at Bush House, London,

and ragged trousers told me the same story. They cannot make ends meet.

Best paid man in this Ruhr area is the miner. He clears between 180 and 240 marks (£15 to £20) a month. Over in Essen a skilled steel worker averages up to 185 marks, which is only about £13, and many of his fellow-workers get less.

I went with them into their consumer co-operatives and worked out that the food available, on the basis of 1,800-calorie ration cards, for a family of four (the statistical average is 4.1 persons per family in the Ruhr)

costs 89.75 marks, plus another eight marks for the food on a heavy worker's ration card, which most of the men have.

This was in the cheapest possible shop. Add another 10 marks for vegetables, which are off the ration, and without any weak beer (8d. a pint bottle) or sauces or condiments, and £8 15s. has gone smack.

### Poverty Stories

I frugged for hours through the dirty pithed and shattered steel works of the industrial Ruhr. Everywhere men with burst boots

working under an ex-journalist, Miss A. H. MacLaur, seem to me to be doing a conscientious, honest, if not particularly inspired, job.

They work in a nebulous sort of way, under Foreign Office guidance, and such political views as they hold they keep to themselves.

Yet Lord Craigavon has performed one important public duty. He has brought the B.B.C. Russian service into the limelight. Since this service was inaugurated in March, 1946, there has been a marked tendency at Broadcasting House to say nothing whatever about it.

Why? Other B.B.C. services have to bear the fierce light of public scrutiny, and I cannot see on what grounds the Russian service claims exemption.

## WHY THE GERMAN WORKERS KICKED

By Brian Connell

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### No Extra Fat

For weeks their meagre meal ration has consisted of sausage, and the Black Market prices for extra fat and protein foods are way above their heads.

Rents are between £2 and £3 a month, transport fairly cheap, but a miner must have at least two pairs of boots at £2 10s. a pair and 2,000 pairs of overalls at the cut rate of £1 a pair. They remain unsold because no one has money to buy them.

A special allocation of half a ton of coal per family for only 45s. was actually brought to the doors of households in Lorries. They came back full because no one had the money to buy.

This is the human side of the great demonstration strike.

The unions' demands are three-fold. They want to take part in the scheme for producing "utility goods"—based on the British plan. They want representation on the Industrial Working Parties set up to distribute raw materials, and they want to share in the work of the bizonal Wage and Price Control Committee.

Although agricultural prices and industrial wages are pegged, the German economic authorities have lifted far too many controls and are giving manufacturers far too much freedom.

"Too many people are getting away with too much," the unions say. Although the industrial output has risen by 46 per cent and small traders' turnover by 52 per cent in the past five months, income tax proceeds have risen by only four per cent.

The unions claim that false invoices are siphoning this money off into the manufacturers' pockets. Under Germany's present drastic taxation it is almost impossible to earn more than 1,500 marks a month. Yet here in Düsseldorf there are shops with ladies' dresses marked at between 800 and 900 marks.

### Headlong To Crisis

Germany is rapidly becoming another France, where everything is available for those who can pay for it and the devil takes the hindmost. As a result the Germans are running headlong into a crisis which will far surpass anything in the three post-war severely years.

As an official British report puts it: "Although the food situation in Western Germany today is better than at any time since the war, it will become worse before it improves further, and will continue to retard the recovery of Germany and of Europe."

"Fortunately some responsible Germans realise this, and some even realise that for once the fault does not lie with the occupying authorities."

"But it will be to the occupying Powers that the German man in the street will turn in six months' time for help—and will turn in vain. The food will have been eaten and there will be no money to buy more."

The Germans have themselves to blame for the fact that their first essay at self-administration is in a mess from which only the most rigid and energetic measures can rescue it.

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## Cotton And Japan

## THE JAP KNOWS THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE

Girls working in a mill of the great Kanegafuchi Spinning Co. at Osaka have been equipped with roller spindles.

This innovation, which enables one girl to attend eight spinning units instead of only 1.5, is one of the more spectacular if less important experiments adopted by Japanese textile interests in an endeavour to improve their technical processes under the Occupation.

Limited temporarily to a capacity of four million spindles, the operators of the "Big Ten" spinning companies, who still monopolize Japanese textile production, are skillfully and energetically adjusting themselves to changing conditions and changing markets.

That capacity is only one-third of their equipment in the high, wide and handsome days of Japanese pre-war sweat-labour dumping.

## Eyes On Future

But their eyes are on the future and they do not believe any more that realistic Western observers here—that any defeated nation's industry can be indefinitely shackled and its production indefinitely restricted by former enemies.

To promote the export textile trade the Japanese Spinning Association has initiated the following reforms:

Improved the quality of goods on consultation with foreign buyers.

Employed the barter system for exports to non-dollar areas in exchange for raw cotton, foodstuffs and other raw materials.

Altered the mixing rate of raw cotton and the count of yarn to increase the variety of goods.

Applied a far stricter examination of the quality of goods before export.

Adopted, wherever possible, advanced American techniques of production.

Under the existing American—Japan cotton trade agreement, which is to say Occupation—plan for Japanese cotton rehabilitation, the industry is permitted at the moment (repeatedly at the moment) four million spindles, of which more than 3,000,000 spindles have already been installed.

The installation of the remaining spindles is officially expected to be completed by June next year but will probably be accomplished much earlier.

There is no question that the

From Richard Hughes, who has just visited Osaka

Japanese have more spindles installed than are officially registered with the Occupation. To the knowledge of visiting British traders, several small dispersed mills in the Osaka-Nagoya area have completed or are completing "extensions" which have not been authorized by the Occupation and which presumably are unknown to U.S. Military Government officers.

This is not to suggest that there is a large or even considerable underground textile potential in Japan but only that Occupation supervision is not as precise as it might be and that all figures, "facts" and estimates on Japanese textiles are subject to revision.

## Supplies

Although supplies of raw cotton have been insufficient to keep this battery of spindles fully employed, average monthly cotton fabric production (according to MacArthur's Economic and Sci-

ence Section) has risen from 51,602,000 sq. yds. a year ago to 53,673,000 sq. yds. this year—and is still rising.

Greatest single impetus to increased production since the Occupation was the arrival last month (15th October) of the first shipments of raw cotton supplied by America as a result of the US\$60 million agreement between a group of American commercial banks and OJEIF (Occupied Japan Export-Import Revolving Fund).

An initial shipment of 14,000 bales (approximately 500 lb. to the bale), now being distributed to Japanese manufacturers, is the first such import to be received in Japan since the war through a private financing agreement.

This was shortly to be followed by 55,800 bales from 101 American companies, and by an additional 33,950 bales—in the next three months—from 95 American companies.

## Export Bid

Some of the textile goods manufactured from this cotton will be reserved for domestic needs but most of it will be diverted to export.

The vital factors in Japanese cotton textile production are of course labour efficiency and costs.

There is undoubtedly a shortage of skilled labour, and, as in all branches of Japanese industry, the services of top-level executives have been technically lost in the Occupation purge. If the executives were competent and distinguished enough to help control a national industry, they were naturally enrolled in war

service and as such are automatically deprived of post-war powers.

On the subject of wages, the president of the Japanese Cotton Spinning Association, with a nostalgic sigh for the old days, but nervous resignation to these strange democratic union ideas, observes virtuously. It is natural that workers should demand higher wages. But due to the dwindling financial resources of the spinning companies and inappropriate official prices of textile goods, the spinning companies have been compelled to borrow heavily in order to cover the deficits even in current operating expenses, of which the wage payment is the major item.

The fact that recent labour troubles have come to assume an ideological offensive is a matter for serious concern.

## Apprehensive

"Serious-minded people are apprehensive as to the future of the nation because any further retrogression would accelerate the dissemination of Communist ideologies among the masses."

The plain fact is, however, that the average wage of the cotton worker in a Japanese mill is 2,000 yen a month. In addition, he or she may live in a dormitory, with food supplied, in conditions which the West might regard as deplorable but which, to him or her, are often still preferable to village and farm life. If the price of this food and shelter is, generously, assessed at another 2,000 yen a month, the wage cost of such a worker, even if the headstrong demands of militant union leaders, is 4,000 yen or four pounds a month.

It is clearly child's talk to argue that the old threat of low-standard Asiatic wage has been triumphantly removed from the world's markets.

Experienced Western traders, here to study Japanese prospects on the spot, agree that, in the absence of the present mild and benevolent American check on Japanese costing and Japanese spindle expansion, Japan's ability to recapture world markets would be limited only by the availability of raw cotton supplies and of open and amenable markets.

## Markets Shrinking

Those markets, especially in the Orient, are admittedly shrinking for Japan as more people learn the complex technique of making shirts instead of buying them.

But, assured of raw cotton supplies, Japan still has the industrial "know-how" which the rest of the awakening East lacks. And anyway this increasing trend towards manufacturing independence in former markets is a factor for which Lancashire and American exporters as much as it affects Japanese.

Besides, Japan can afford to

## DISTURBS EVEN THE DEAD

The "Iron Curtain" has brought distress and tragedy to the 80,000 people of once-prosperous North Italian market town of Gorizia.

Rusted coils of barbed wire, manned every few yards by Tito's armed troops, run through the centre of the city, cutting it in two, separating neighbours, relatives, and friends.

Half this former Italian city is now in Yugoslavia. People on one side of a street may no longer cross the road. They cannot even send a letter, or make a phone call. Friends may only wave at each other from across the wire.

The tragedy of Gorizia is the responsibility of the world politicians who approved this craziest of all post-war frontiers, or rather Ernest Bevin along with the Foreign Ministers of France, America and Russia must take the blame for including this line in the Italian Peace Treaty.

Il Bevin or his colleagues over

nearest hospital is more than a hundred miles away.

Recently a person whose home was within sight of the hospital died of a burst appendix because he was not permitted to cross the new frontier.

The town's fire brigade may only attend fires in one half of the town. In the other half a house just burns down.

Gorizia's main railway station is now in Yugoslavia, although the Station Hotel is in Italy.

## Curtain Hotel

The hotel, now known as the "Curtain Hotel," does a big business with sightseers who sit and drink a beer and watch the Yugoslav soldiers a few yards away across the barbed wire.

There was a scene here the other Sunday morning when crowds of Italians began to shout rude remarks about Marshal Tito, and to wave mugs of beer and rolls of white bread—both almost unobtainable in Yugoslavia—at the Yugoslav guards. The soldiers and the Yugoslav Communists across the wire shouted back.

Suddenly in the midst of the uproar, a middle-aged Yugoslav threw his overcoat on the barbed wire, and with surprising agility for a man of his age hurled himself over the wire into Italy. The Yugoslav guards were too surprised to shoot.

The Yugoslav, a lawyer from Zagreb, told the Italian guards that he had travelled to the frontier to escape from the Tito regime.

The man who lost his overcoat but gained his freedom was feted by the Italians in the hotel and they poured beer and food down his throat until he was unable to move.

At the end of the war Marshal Tito claimed Gorizia, although the town had never been the town of Yugoslavia. The politicians argued and finally compromised on the division of the town.

## Misery Rife

Since September last year when the new frontier came into effect, business in Gorizia has been at a standstill, unemployment and misery rife.

Farmers from the country area which is now part of Yugoslavia used to market their products in Gorizia. They are no longer permitted to do so.

The Italian Government has decided to help this most distressed Italian city by making it a "free zone."

That means that food, drink, clothes, petrol, and scores of other supplies will sell tax free, at only a fraction of the prices in other parts of Italy. This will ease living conditions for everyone, and will aid local industries.

While the situation between the East and the West remains as at present there can be no change of the world's craziest frontier. The people of Gorizia just hope that their present plight will at least be a lesson to future world planners.

## David Lee Peers Through The Iron Curtain

visit Gorizia, as I did the other Sunday morning, they will not be given a very enthusiastic welcome.

Farmer Leban has a small farm and the farmyard is divided by the frontier. His farmhouse remains in Italy, but the cow-shed is in Yugoslavia. He dare no longer keep his cow in the shed, or Tito's troops will steal it.

Farmer Leban does not think much of the politicians who drew the line. "A drunk at midnight on a Saturday night could draw a straighter line than those damned politicians," the farmer told me.

The new frontier not only cuts the town of Gorizia but winds through the town like a snake, causing chaos everywhere.

It divides even houses. Some people must use only the back door of their house, as the front door is in another country.

The "Iron Curtain" divides the cemetery. People with relatives buried there may no longer put flowers on their graves.

It runs through the grounds of Gorizia's general hospital. People who live in the part of the city which is now Yugoslavia may no longer use it. For them the

mark time, while further restoring her textile capacity, because of the urgent needs of her starved home market.

"With only four million spindles, we are back where we were in 1921," mourn the Japanese cotton-spinners—and sadly shed a tear.

That was exactly three years after the First World War. This is exactly three years after the Second World War.

It is sometimes difficult for the observer here to recall that, while Japan was an apprentice ally in the First World War, she was an enemy in the Second World War.

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H.H.H. Prince Axel of Denmark addresses the gathering in the Kam Ling restaurant on the occasion of the dinner party given in his honour by the East Asiatic Company Limited. (Sun Ying Ming photo)



The Diocesan Girls' School bazaar is enlivened by music from the pipes and drums of The Buffs. (China Mail photo)



A group of the nurses who attended the St. John's Ambulance Field Day at Shatin on December 5. (China Mail photo)

Mrs. Ernest To, accompanied by her husband at the piano, sings for the guests at the Luk Kwok restaurant on December 3 on the occasion of the Chinese Medical Association party. (China Mail photo)



Professor Gordon King performs on the piano during the Chinese Medical Association party held in the Luk Kwok restaurant on December 3. (China Mail photo)



His Eminence Cardinal Tien at the dinner given in his honour at the Ying King restaurant. (Mee Cheung photo)



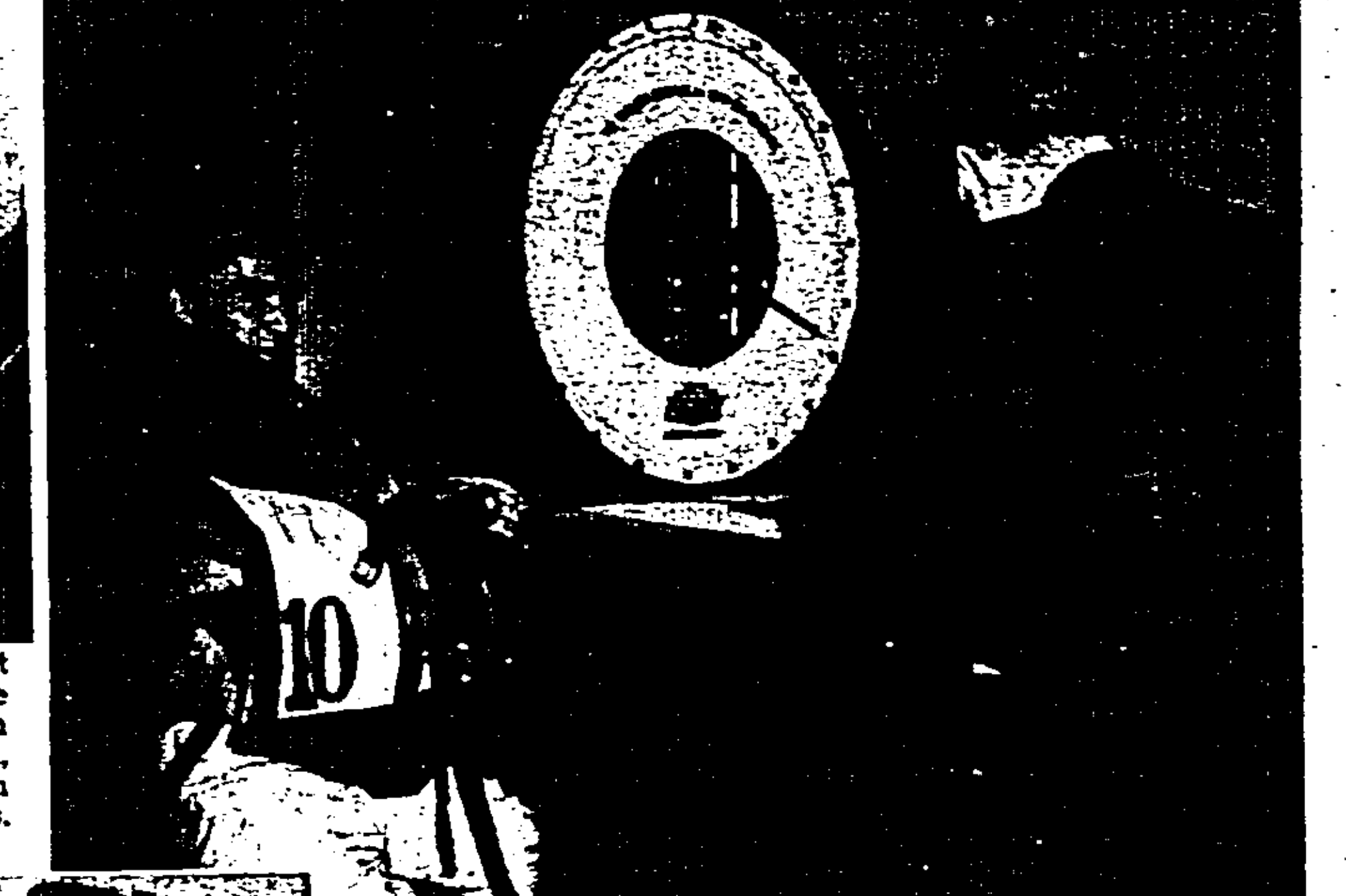
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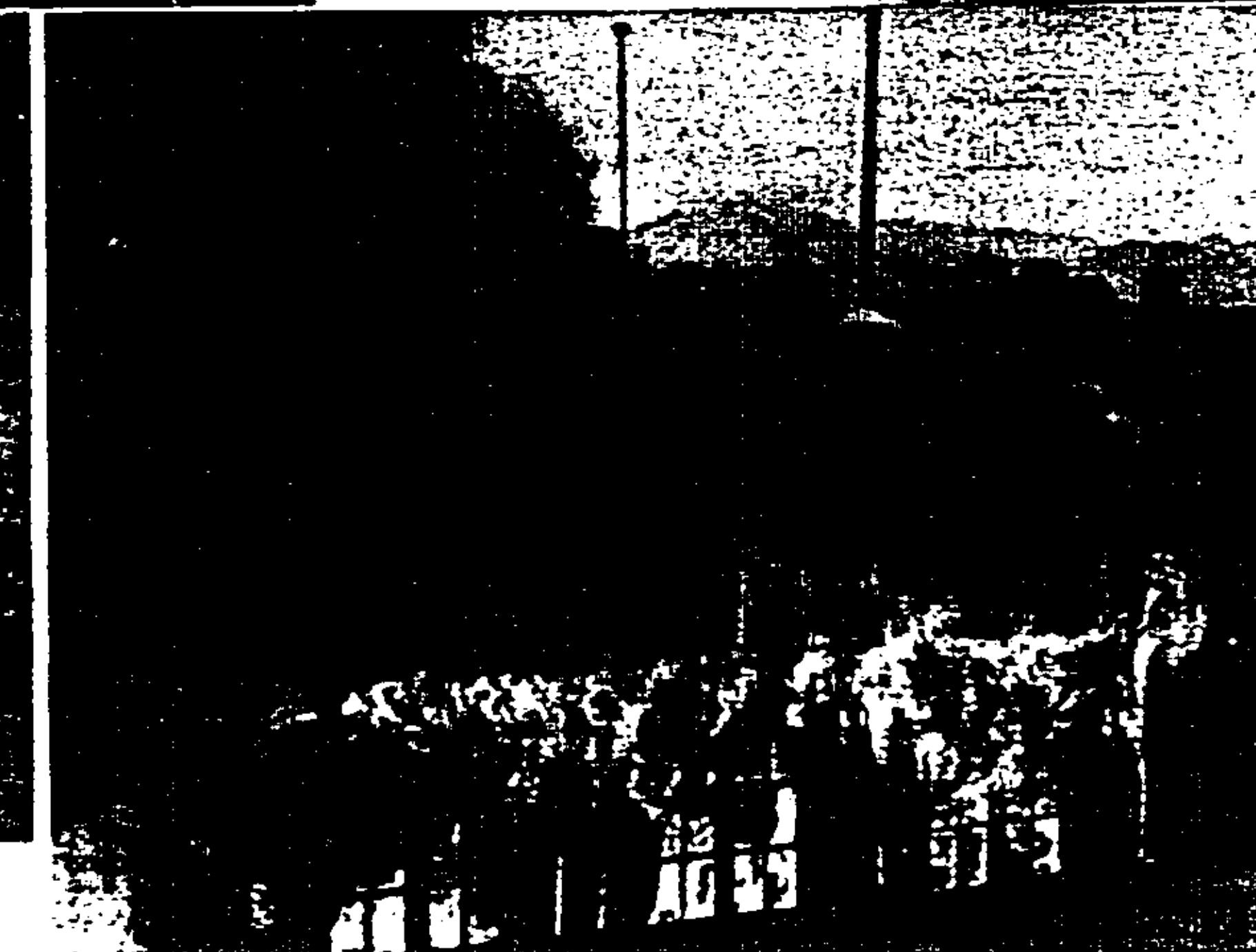
Participants at the St. John's Ambulance field day at Shatin are addressed by the Brigade Commissioner, Mr. A. el Arculli, who presented the shield to the winners of the teams' competition (see below centre). (China Mail photo)



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Bishop Hall shares a joke with Mr. and Mrs. Fung Ping Fang at the party of welcome which he attended at St. John's Cathedral on December 3. (China Mail photo)



H.H.H. Prince Axel of Denmark addresses the gathering in the Kam Ling restaurant on the occasion of the dinner party given in his honour by the East Asiatic Company Limited. (Sun Ying Ming photo)



The Diocesan Girls' School bazaar is enlivened by music from the pipes and drums of The Buffs. (China Mail photo)



A group of the nurses who attended the St. John's Ambulance Field Day at Shatin on December 5. (China Mail photo)

Mrs. Ernest To, accompanied by her husband at the piano, sings for the guests at the Luk Kwok restaurant on December 3 on the occasion of the Chinese Medical Association party. (China Mail photo)



Professor Gordon King performs on the piano during the Chinese Medical Association party held in the Luk Kwok restaurant on December 3. (China Mail photo)



His Eminence Cardinal Tien at the dinner given in his honour at the Ying King restaurant. (Mee Cheung photo)



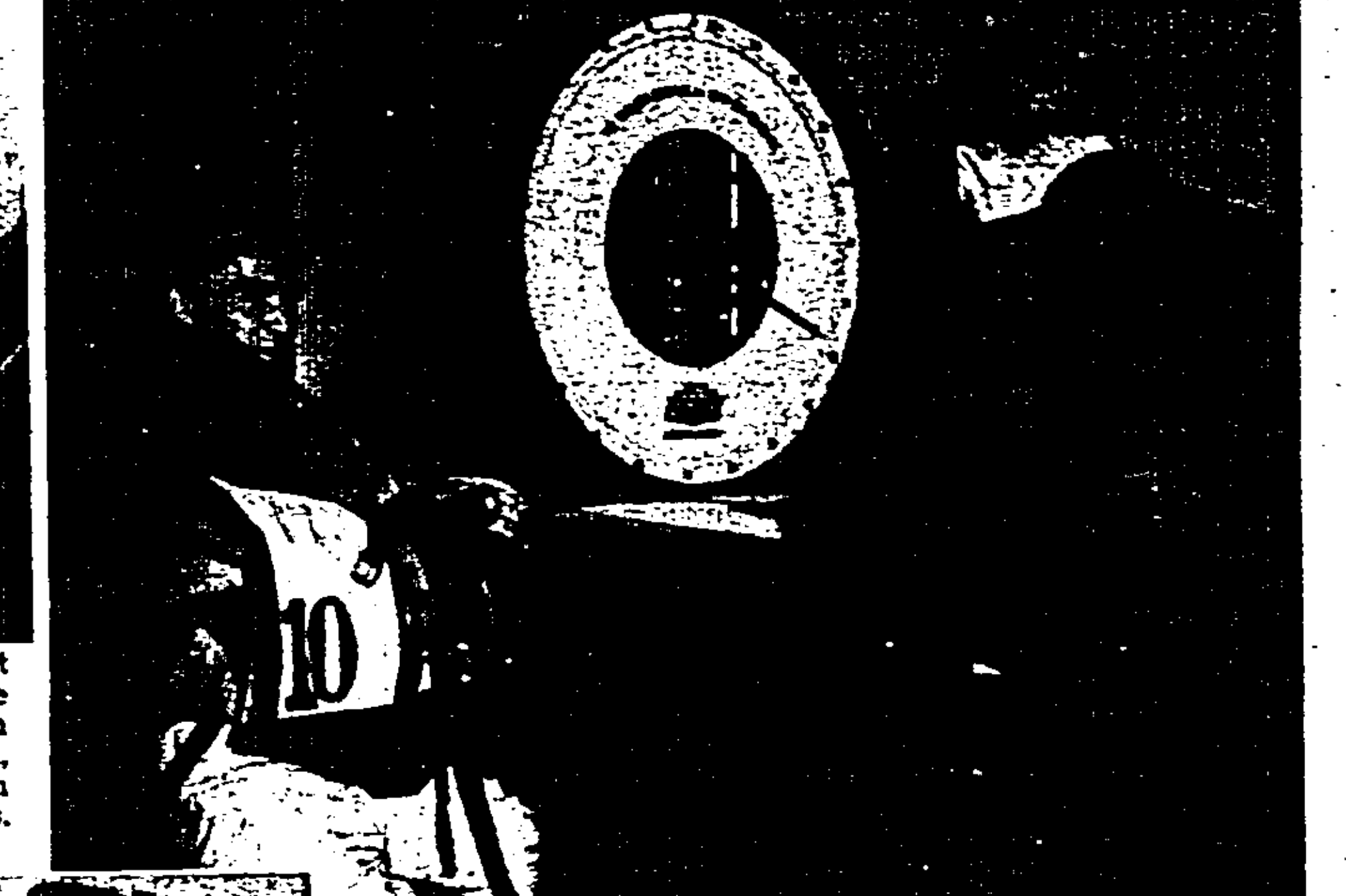
King's College Old Boys' Division, winners of the St. John's Ambulance annual competition championship at the Brigade field day at Shatin on December 5. (China Mail photo)



Argus II, with T.B. Dau up, is led in after his victory in the Tardy Handicap on the last race day of the 1948 season. He paid \$47.90. (China Mail photo)



The outsider which caused an upset by beating the hot favourite, Norse Queen, in the Hong Kong Autumn Champions last Saturday: Black Market, who made A. Ostroumoff champion jockey of the season with 21 wins. (China Mail photo)



A. Ostroumoff, champion jockey of the 1948 season, weighs in after winning the second race, the Finals Handicap, on Minx at last Saturday's meeting. (China Mail photo)



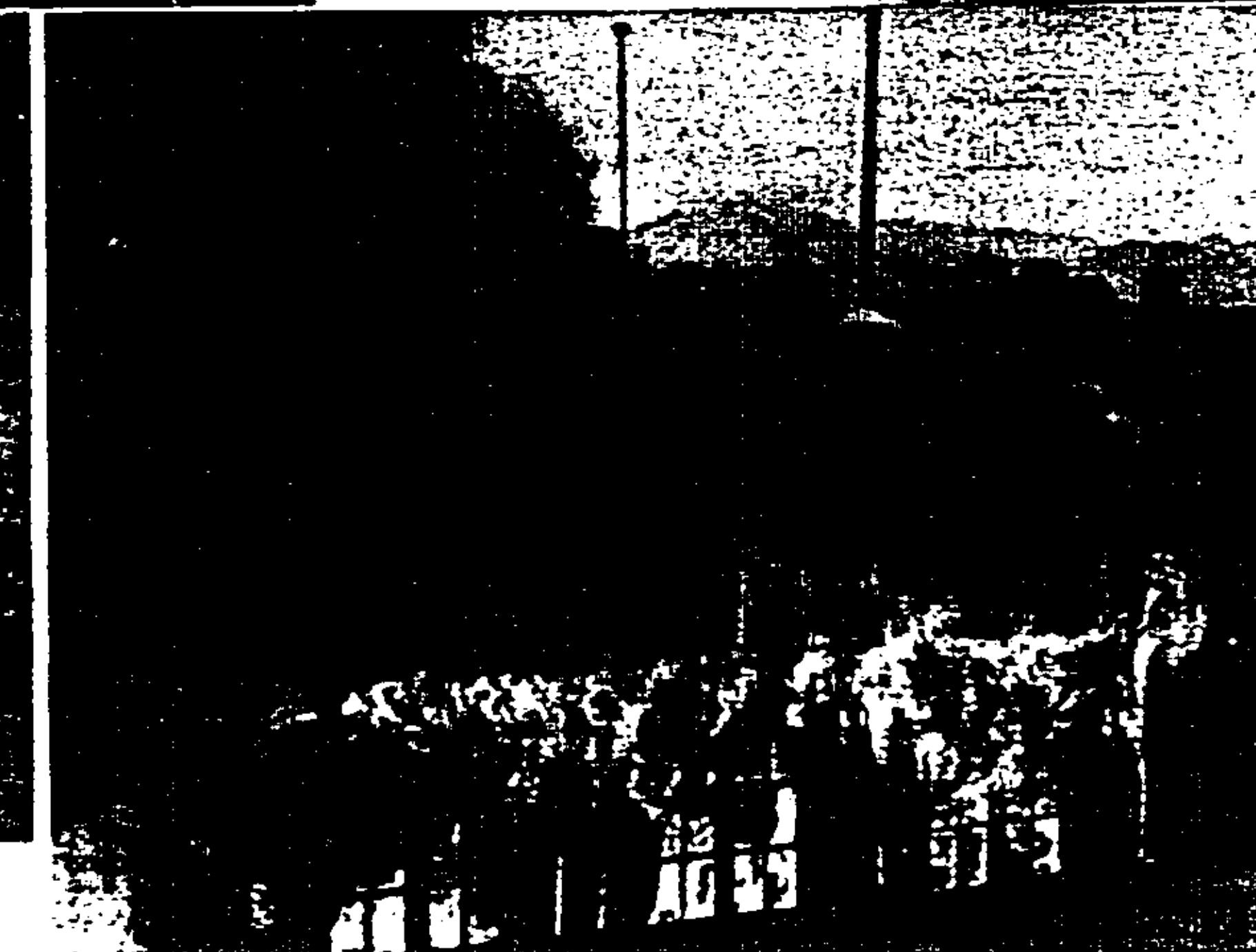
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Officers of the Police and the Army discuss methods of dealing with the "strike" situation centred in a Wanchai cigarette factory.



Wearing full battle kit, armed soldiers advance on the supposed strikers to effect a dispersal.

## "EXERCISE FULTUM" TESTS OUR DEFENCES

In the last week both Police and Service chiefs claim to have learned many things which will serve to make the quelling of any internal disturbances which might arise in the future in the Colony effectively swift. All civil defence units, along with the Police and the three armed services have taken part in operations which, though "mock," have been on a large and realistic scale. Rioting mobs have been dispersed, attacks on essential services thwarted and bandits captured. Close co-operation among the various arms has been maintained and in general a great deal of benefit has resulted.



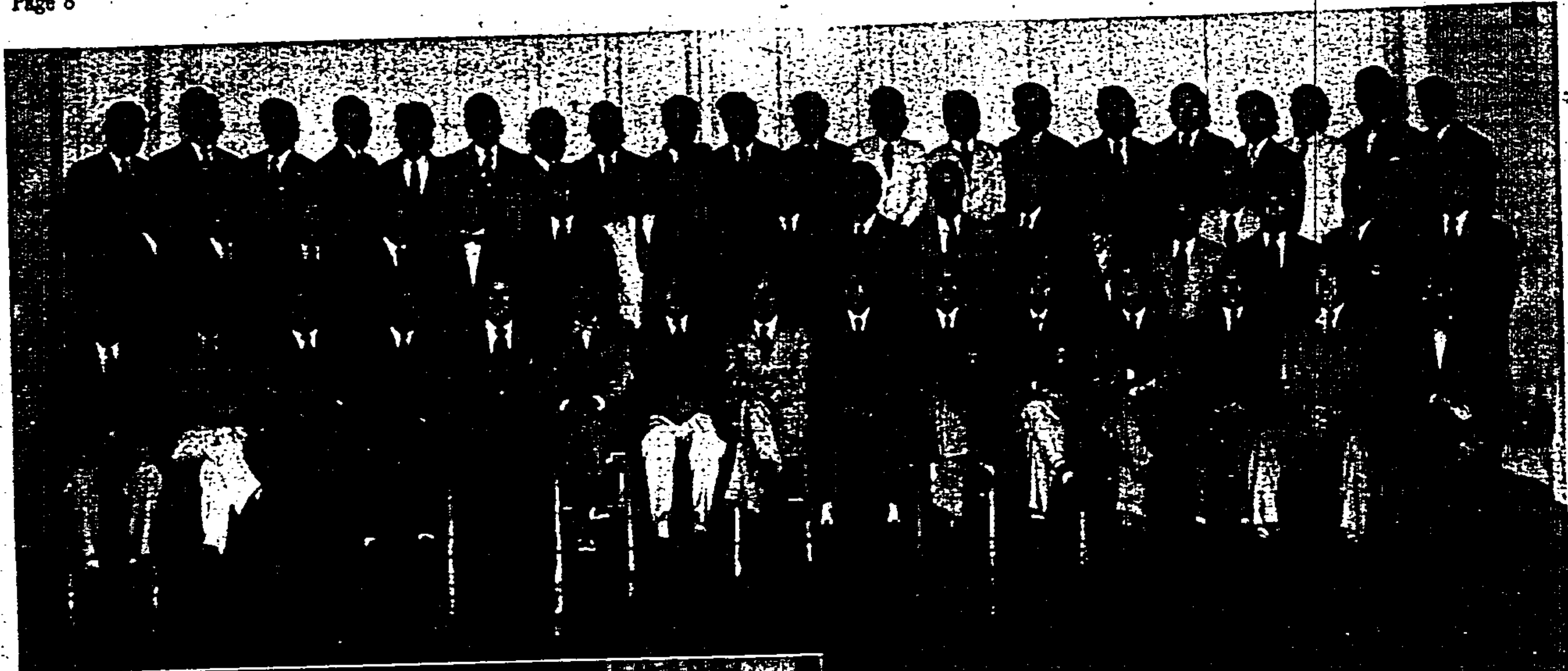
Called out to deal with "strikers" at a cigarette factory in Wanchai, a police riot squad boards a truck outside the Central Police Station.

Their operation of dispersing the strikers from the vicinity of the Wanchai cigarette factory successfully concluded, troops and police remain on the alert in case of more "trouble."



(China Press photo)





Members of Morrison Hall, Hong Kong University, which was officially opened by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, on December 2. In the centre, front row, is the Warden of Morrison Hall, the Reverend F. Short. On his left and right respectively are the Hall Committee's honorary secretary, J. Cheung, and Chairman, E. Low. (Ming Yuen photo)



At the christening in St. Joseph's Church of Andrina Margaret, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Plowden of the Asiatic Petroleum Company. (Ming Yuen photo)



At the Dockyard Recreation Club supper dance: (left to right round the table) Captain R. J. Monk, Miss Hazel Sclater, Mrs. W. R. H. Hughes, Mr. Tait, Mrs. B. Ellis, Mr. W. R. H. Hughes, Mr. B. Ellis, Mrs. M. Saul, Mr. G. Burns, Mrs. G. Burns, Mrs. G. M. Sclater. (Ming Yuen photo)



An interested audience at the Helena May Institute listens to a talk on "make up" by Mrs. Horner, travelling representative of Elizabeth Arden, London. (Ming Yuen photo)

Confetti-capped Mr. Louis Frank Driver of H. M. Dockyard poses happily with his newlywed bride, formerly Miss Peggy Patricia Read, outside Trinity Church on December 4. (Ming Yuen photo)

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## The Schoolboy Detective

By MARIE MARSHALL

### THE MYSTERY OF GREY ROCK CREEK

#### PART II

Rob landed on his feet in a muddy patch beneath the bridge. Quite an easy jump, he thought. There was nothing remarkable in the way the mysterious stranger had jumped. Perhaps, after all, he had merely jumped the bridge to take a short cut somewhere.

The schoolboy detective was beginning to wonder if he had not come on a wild goose chase. He stepped on to dry land and looked at the sluggish trickle of water round the piles of the bridge. Carefully he studied the ground for footprints. He saw some hoof marks but no footprints other than his own. Perhaps the man had jumped wide, landing on dry land.

Rob gauged the distance and height of the bridge from where he was standing and was about to turn towards dry land when he saw something shining in a pool of water. Bending down, he looked closer, and saw a small spoon. No doubt it had been lost by some picnicer. At first he did not think he would bother picking it up, but it looked so bright and new that he decided he would take it home.

Putting it into his pocket, he searched again for footprints and found many of them. Obviously, Grey Rock Creek bed was quite a thoroughfare! The sloping ground to the right showed a tiny track that disappeared in the rocks, mud and water, and continued on up the other slope on the other side.

The early morning sun glistened on the water, transforming muddy holes into patches of jewel-like beauty. The clumps of grass and bushes glistening with dew, took on a delicacy that they knew at no other time of the day. The air had a fresh, bush tang about it that caused Rob to inhale deeply.

Realising that he had a long walk home before breakfast and school, he was thinking of giving up his search until he and Lionel would map out the locality together, when his eye caught sight of a man's hat hanging on a bush. His eyes opened wide. A new hat! That was not the sort of thing anyone would throw away, surely!

Rob was on the point of stretching out his hand to take the hat from the bush when he became aware of a tall figure standing on the bridge. Quickly he moved into a clump of high bushes and watched, his heart beating quickly. Something about this man told him that here was the man Lionel had seen the day before.

The man leaned over the rail of the bridge and seemed to be searching for something. Rob stooped low in his hiding place and wished that he had possession of the hat. Suddenly the man saw it—and was over the bridge in one leap.

Fascinated, Rob saw the man approach the bush and snatch up the hat and ram it into the front of his coat. So this man had lost the hat and had returned for it at this very early hour!

Rob peered through the bushes. The tall man hurried up the slope to the right and was soon lost to view. Rob noticed that he was wearing a dark suit and a black hat and that he appeared to walk with a quick, shuffling gait.

The schoolboy detective knew that he would recognise that man again anywhere. He came out of the bushes, annoyed that he had let so valuable a clue as the hat escape him, when he heard a voice call: "What are you doing here?"

(To be continued.)

### "HUNTING IN AFRICA"

Once I was walking with Uncle Peter through forest in Africa. He was a great hunter.

After walking for several miles, I laid down to rest, while Uncle Peter went deeper into the forest to look for water for his dog Herbert.

Suddenly, I heard the bark of Herbert, then I turned around and saw two lions coming behind Uncle Peter. At that moment I was so frightened that I gave out a loud scream. When Uncle Peter heard me screaming, he turned around to see what was happening, but to his surprise he also saw now that two lions were following him. Quickly, he took his hunting knife out from his pocket, and fought with them.

Uncle Peter threw his hunting knife at one of the lions and stabbed it to death. When the other lion saw what he had done, he became more fiercer than the first. He sprang at Uncle Peter, who was luckily quick enough and leaped aside and climbed a nearby tree, more dead than alive.

I was scared, but fortunately another hunter from a distance came riding at full speed, with Herbert as leader. He at once shot an arrow right through the lion's throat and he was killed also.

We were all safe and sound. For this we have to thank Herbert. So we gave him a hearty meal as a reward when we got home.

Honour certificate to Marjory Young, of 1 Julia Avenue, Homantin, Kowloon.

### The Lost Doll

I had a very sweet little doll and I thought she was the prettiest doll in the world. Her cheeks were so rosy, her hair so charmingly curled, and she was beautifully dressed. But I lost her one day as I played in the park, and I was very sad the whole week.

Next week I went to the park, and as I was playing I found her. She was terribly changed, her paint was all washed away, her legs frodden by cows and her hair not the least curled. But I still think she's the prettiest doll in the world.

Honour certificate to Barbara Lee of 27 Hankow Road, Kowloon.

### WHO AM I?

My first is in centre but not in enter,

My second is in home but not in stone;

My third is in run but not in bun.

My fourth is in ice and also in spice;

My fifth is in cold but not in told,

My sixth is in tell but not in well;

My seventh is in mix but not in fix,

My eighth is in aim and also in fame;

My ninth is in suck but not in buck.

My whole is so simple you'll know me by now,

For I come once a year, and soon will be here.

Answer: Christmas.  
Honour certificate to Desiree Ozorio, of Kayamally Bldg. 5th floor, Hong Kong.

### A FAIRY TALE

Long ago, there lived in a forest some fairies. Each of them had beautiful wings, and a wishing ring. They danced about all night around a flaming fire and were very happy.

Now in all Fairy land there was sure to be a king, and in that forest there lived a king who was a very good one.

Whenever the sun comes out, the fairies have to run away and hide themselves, for the hunters would come and catch them. As you see fairies are very useful and helpful.

One day a very handsome prince became ill and could not get well, so he ordered that a fairy should be caught and brought to him, and he was will-

ing to repay the person. The hunters started and went in different directions in search of a fairy.

The fairies heard the news and went and told their king about it. The king became furious and had a meeting, telling all the fairies to be careful, and should use their wands on those who attacked them. When the prince heard this, he became worse under the spell of the king, so he then set out another order and said that no fairies were to be caught, but to let them have their freedom.

As soon as he let this order out he became well and strong again.

Honour certificate to Odetto Souza of 33, Hankow Road (1st fl.) Kowloon.



### SORT OUT THESE JUMBLED WORDS—

Do you know some of the capitals of the different countries in this world? Well, try and see how many you know.

For answers turn the page round.

(1) Ghnesenocp, (2) Mreo, (3) Bosnli, (4) Knigma, (5) Slapr, (6) Thabst, (7) Fdkhara, (8) Chacrsiba, (9) Nbre, (10) Nblir.

**Jumbled Words Answers**  
Copenhagen, Rome, Lisbon, Berlin, Bucharest, Bonn, Paris, London, Moscow, Warsaw.

Honour certificate to Winnie Read aged 15, of 23, Lock Road, Kowloon.



## In The Mailbag

ELIZABETH A.R. GRANT, a H.C.C. Member, enjoys reading the Children's Herald a lot. Thank you, Elizabeth. Yes, we have accepted your story, it's very good and you will see it in today's issue.

GORDON LOW, you can contribute anything you wish, and in future we will have more cross-word puzzles, riddles etc., since you enjoy them so much. I can't promise you we can have a personality column, but I'll try my very best. Thanks, Gordon, for all the ideas and suggestions.

SHAUN MITCHELL, what you told me about your brother is very interesting. Thank you.

## H.C.C. Members

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AGE: 14.  
HOBBIES: Model ship building.

NAME: Patricia Anne Calvert.  
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AGE: 14.  
HOBBIES: Reading.

NAME: Gordon Cheung.  
ADDRESS: 24, Yick Yam Street, (1st fl.) Happy Valley.

AGE: 13.  
HOBBIES: Collecting stamps and playing football.

NAME: Ch'e Mou-ch'ing.  
ADDRESS: c/o Office of Lappa Customs, Macao.

AGE: 12.  
HOBBIES: Going to the pictures.

NAME: Frederick Cox.  
ADDRESS: 54, Kennedy Road, Hong Kong.

AGE: 14.  
HOBBIES: Collecting stamps and coins, also photography.

NAME: Amelia Cox.  
ADDRESS: 54, Kennedy Road, Hong Kong.

AGE: 10.  
HOBBIES: Collecting stamps and coins, also photography.

NAME: Louise Diespecker.  
ADDRESS: Alexandra Building, Hong Kong.

AGE: 10.  
HOBBIES: Sports.

NAME: Heather Fay Dalziel.  
ADDRESS: 10, Kent Road, Kowloon.

AGE: 13.  
HOBBIES: Swimming, horse-riding, oil painting.

NAME: Margaret Davis.  
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AGE: 10.  
HOBBIES: Swimming.

NAME: Charlie Dandridge.  
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AGE: 11.  
HOBBIES: Keeping dogs.

NAME: Marion David.  
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AGE: 12.  
HOBBIES: Going to pictures, also reading comics and books.

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AGE: 12.  
HOBBIES: Reading.

When is a dollar bill of no value?

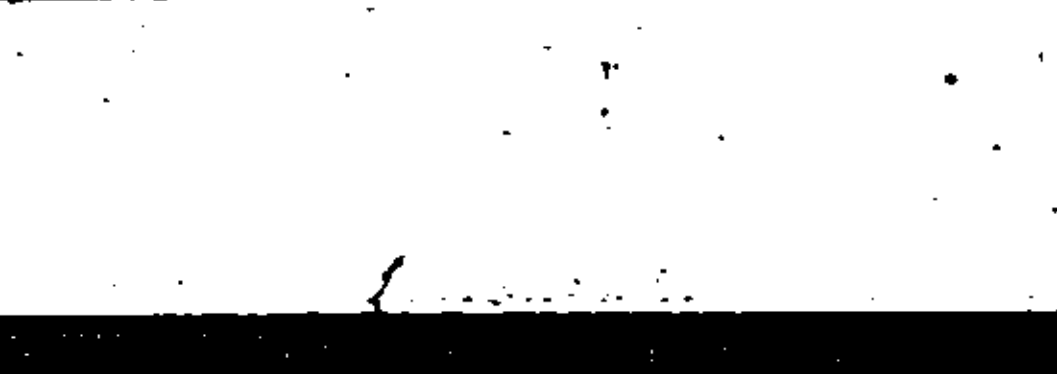
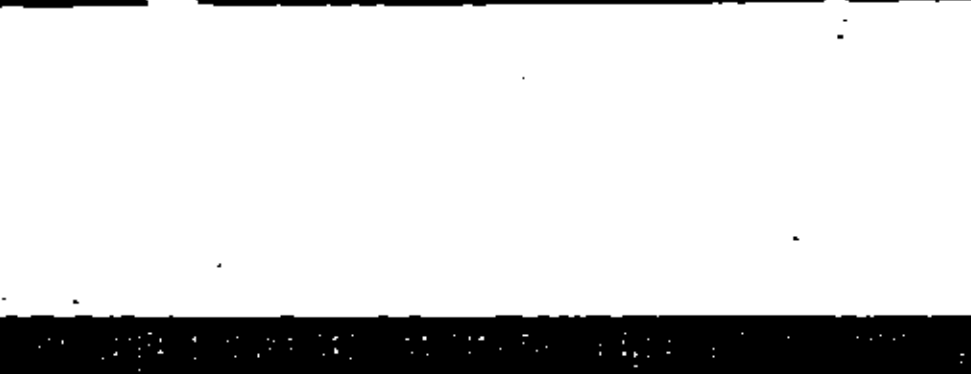
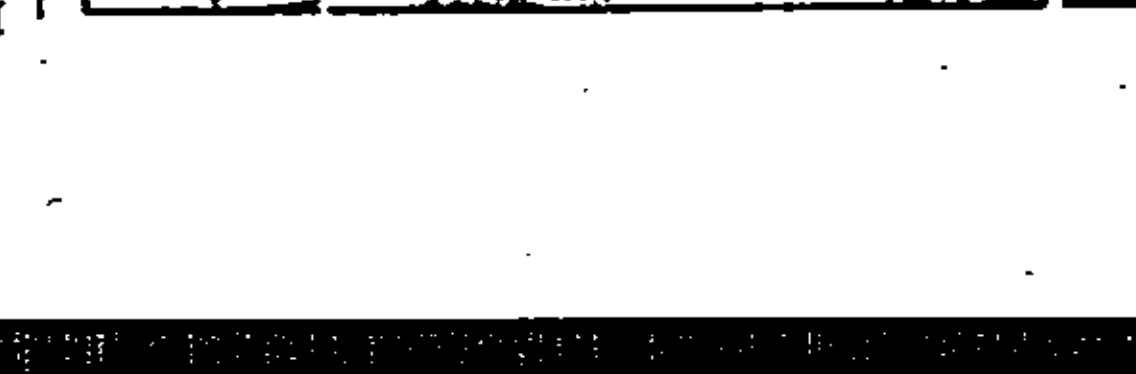
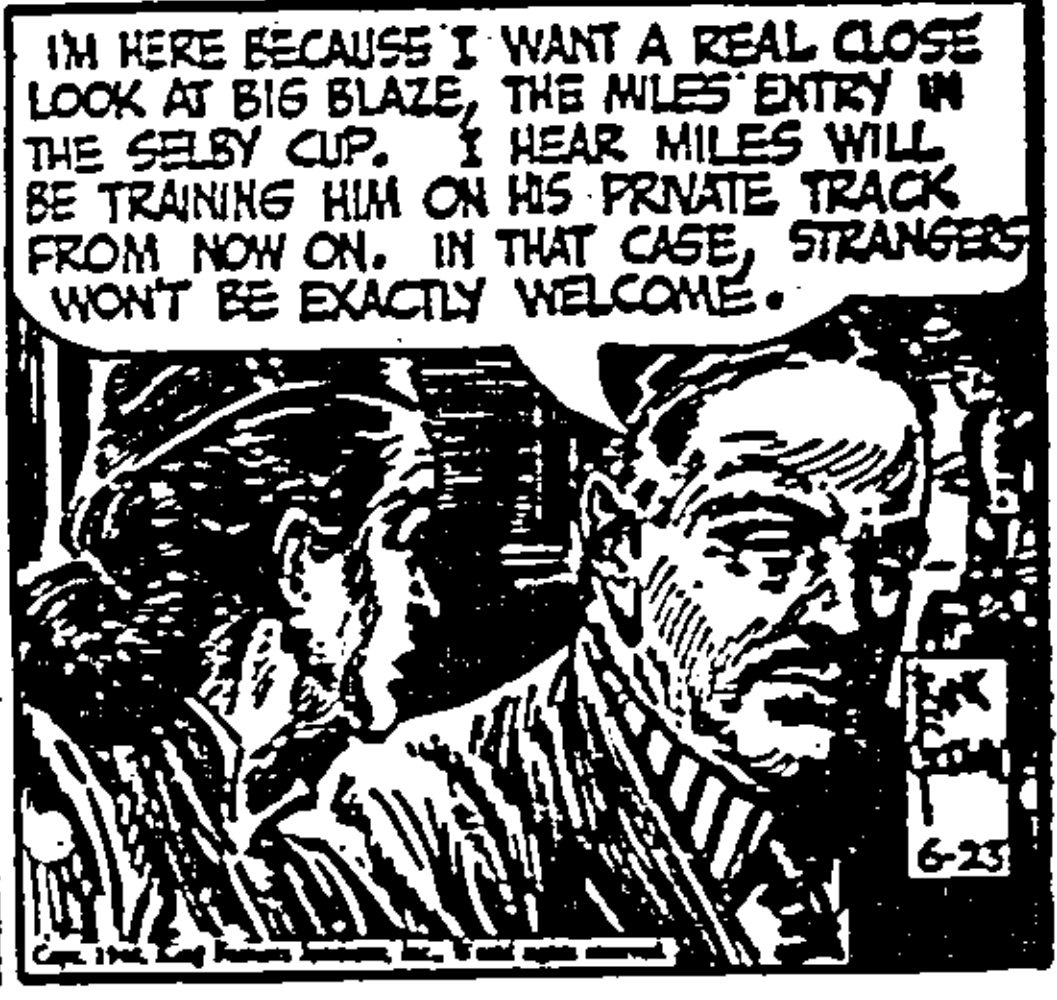
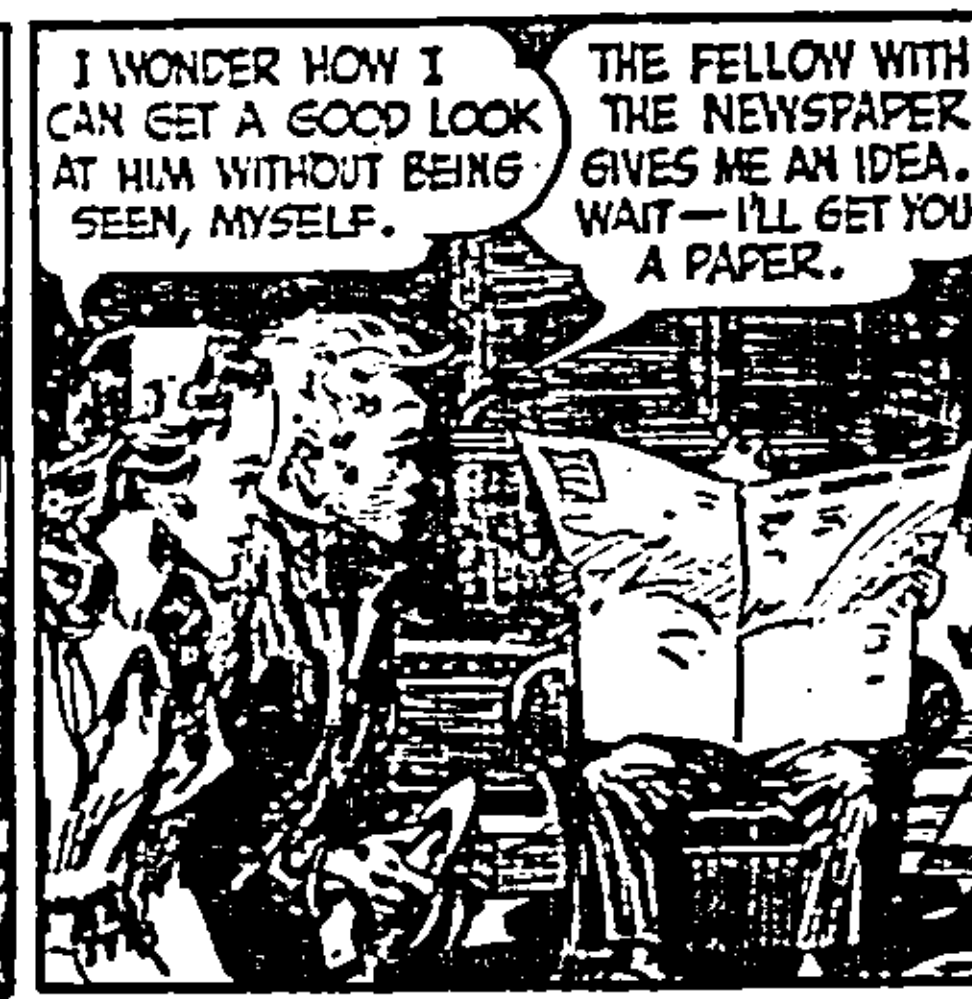
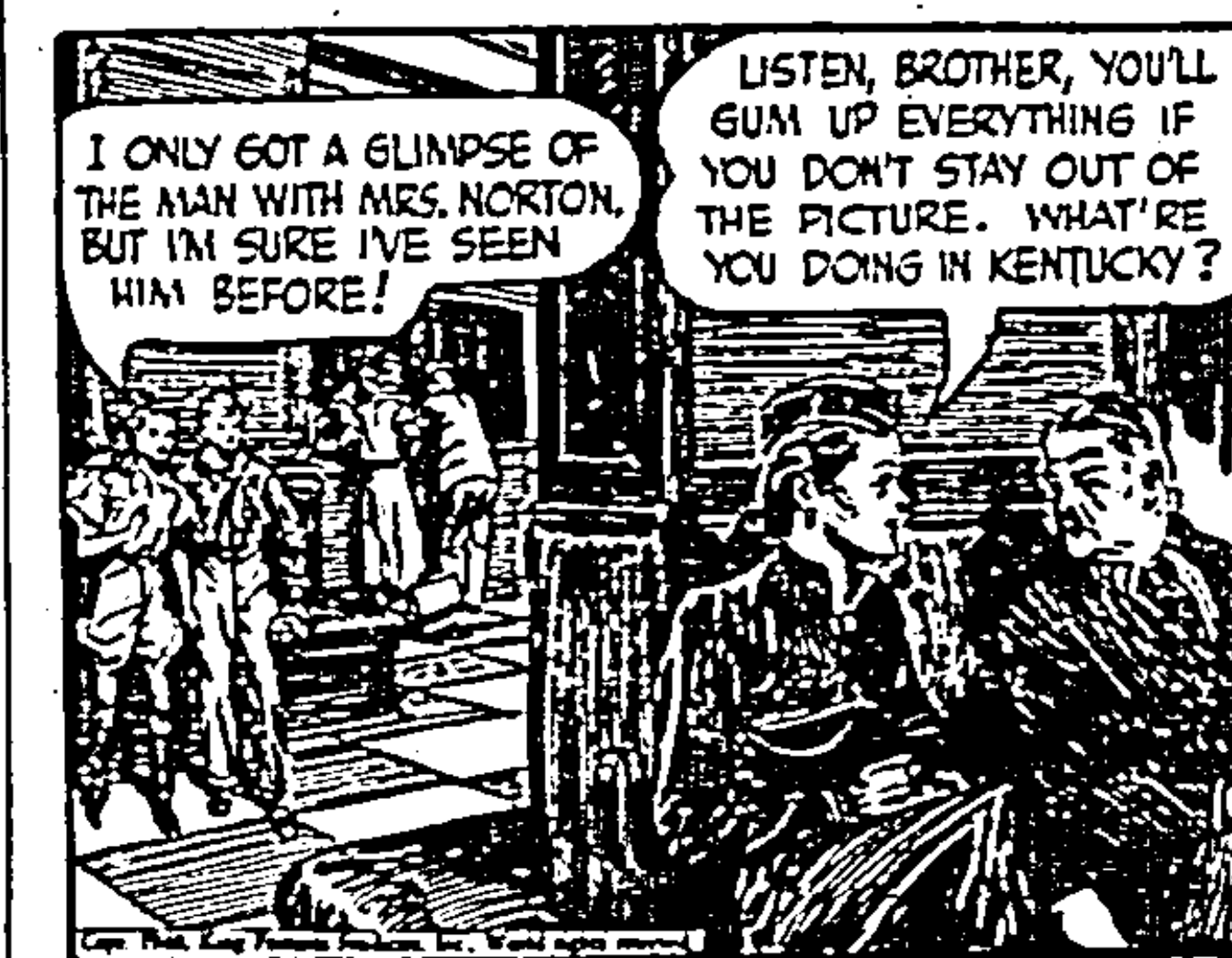
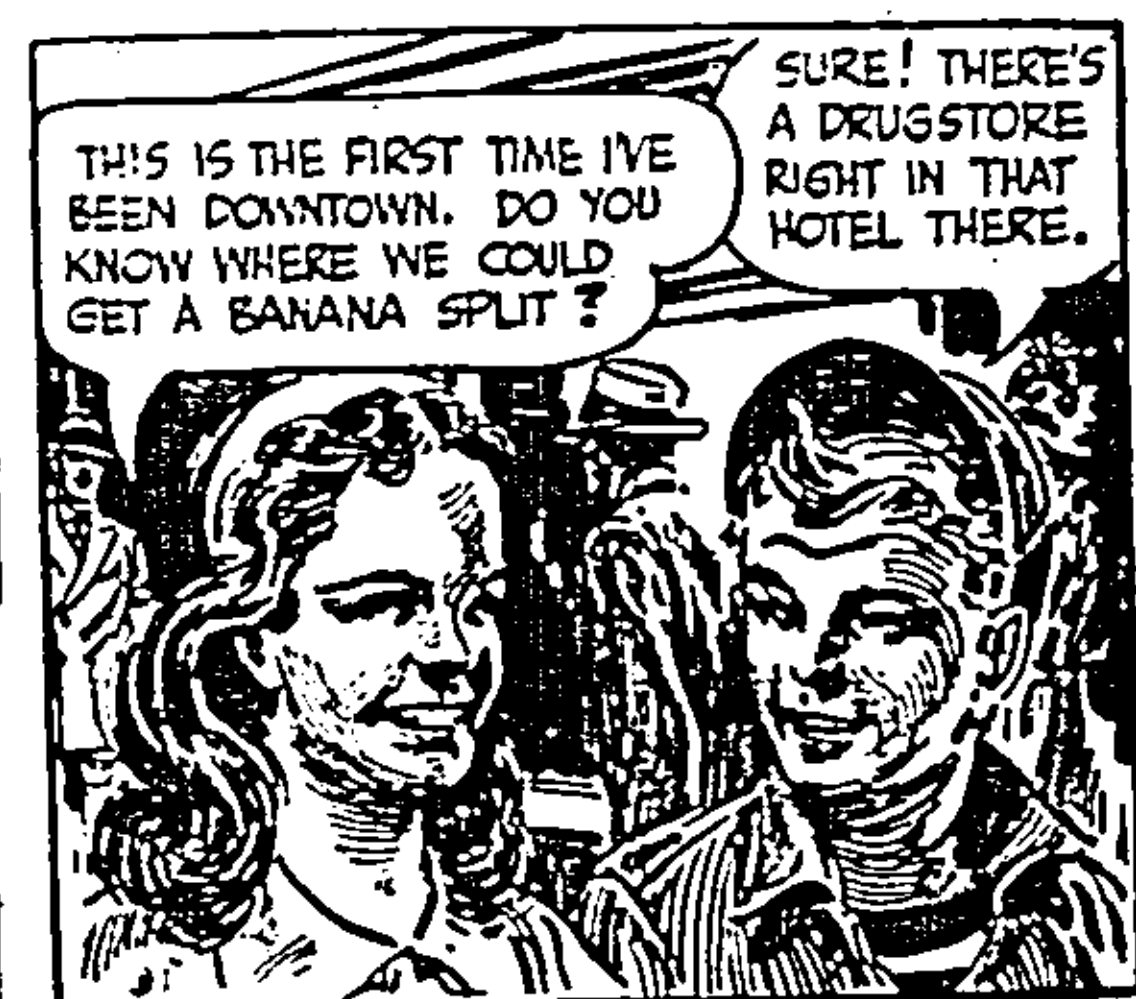
Answer: When it is compared with a five dollar bill because it is worth less.

Why has a horse six legs?

Answer: Because it has four legs in front and two behind.

## RUSTY RILEY

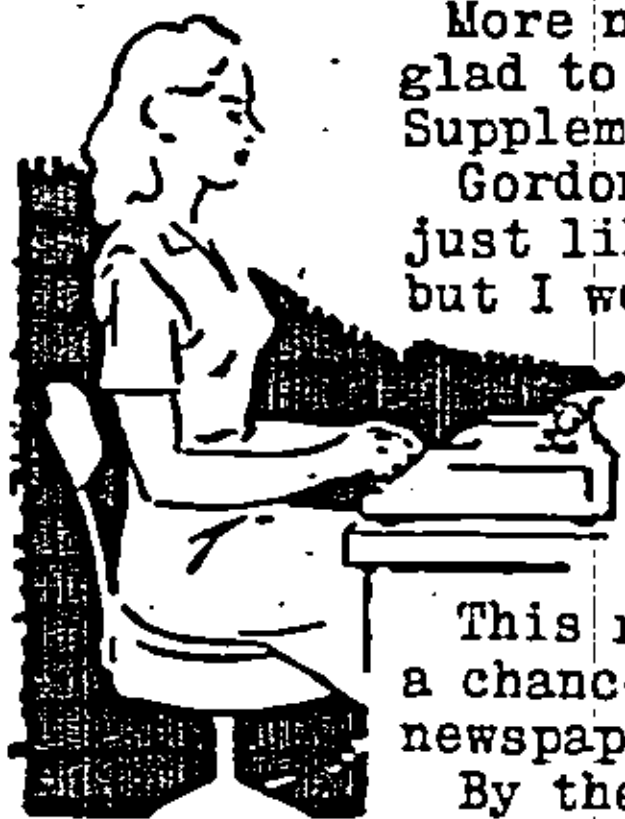
By Frank Godwin





# Children's Herald

## AT MY TYPEWRITER...



More new ideas and suggestions are coming in and I'm so very glad to know that all of you are trying your best to make the Supplement just what you want.

Gordon Low suggested that we should have a Personality Column just like the Teen Age Topics. I think it is an excellent idea, but I wonder if all of you are willing to co-operate with me. That is, are you all willing to write and tell me all about yourself?

If you like the idea and will help me to make it a success, write and let me know. Then we'll be able to start the Personality column next year.

This really should prove interesting, as all of you will have a chance to have a biography of your childhood printed in the newspaper.

By the way, will you all please remember, when you win a money prize, do send the receipt back to me as soon as you received it. Happy days to you all, from

*Auntie Vee*

## Things To Make

**GROCER'S TRUCK:** For this truck you need two matchboxes, a piece of cardboard, pins and glue. Glue the matchbox trays together as in Fig. 1. Next, cut a piece of cardboard to form the base of the truck as in Fig. 2. Glue this to the bottom of the boxes and cut a piece of card to make the bonnet of the truck and stick this (Fig. 3) to the projecting piece of the base.

Wheels are from cardboard, cut to shape and fixed with pins. The seat is a chip of wood, glued between bonnet and body of truck. Steering wheel is a disc of cork with a pin through the centre. The matchbox trays, cut at the ends, are hinged with paper and the truck is then covered with white paper and painted in bright colours.

## WORD WISDOM

Ammonol (amonol) a drug used for relieving pain.

Barbican (barbikan) a tower or advanced work defending the entrance to a castle or city.

Cancerine (kankrin) having the form or qualities of a crab.

Depikt (depikt) to paint or portray; describe or represent vividly.

Epigraph (epigraph) an inscription on a building, monument.

Fallible (falibl) liable to be deceived, misled, or fail.

Gaudy (gawdi) showy, vulgarly gay or fine.

Hauberik (haweberk) a coat of armour formed of steel rings, reaching below the knees.

## A Prince Is Born

A Prince is born, a Prince is born.

Oh! let us all rejoice, And all the Empire sing his praise,

In one most glorious, Omit Comma voice.

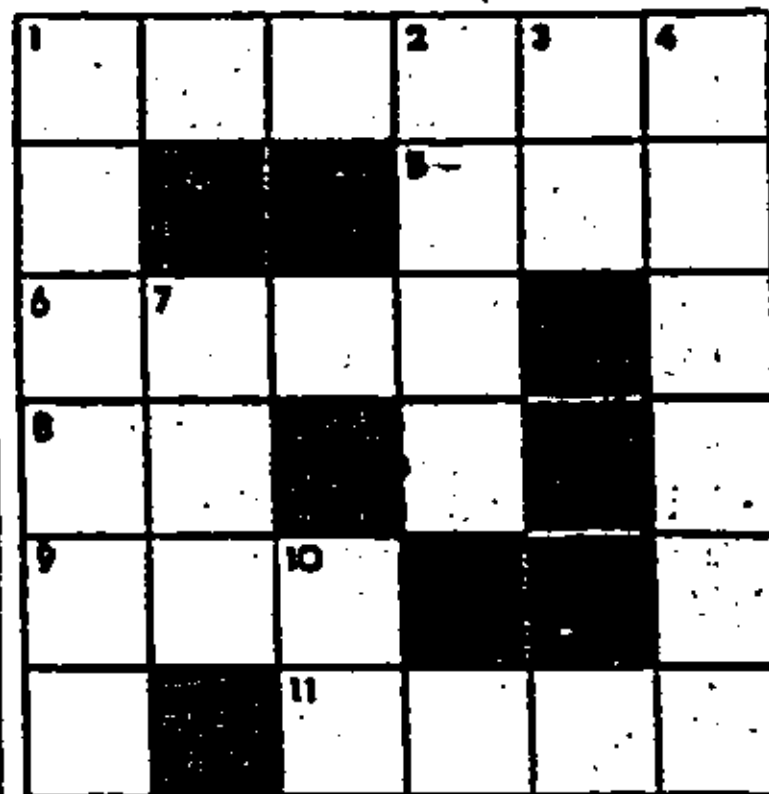
Some day this Prince will be our king.

So let the church bells send The tidings of this joyous news The world, from end to end. All people with their national flags,

Their roof-tops carefully 'dorn. They all rejoice; they all give thanks.

"A Baby Prince is Born." Honour certificate to Anne Simons, aged 13, of Cherry Hill Lodge, Homuntin, Kowloon.

## COMPETITION



Since such a lot of you like crossword puzzles, here is an empty crossword puzzle and there are no clues to tell you what words to fill in.

For this week's competition I want you to make up a crossword yourself. You can use any word you like and write your own clues. But be sure the words are obvious.

When you have finished your crossword and written out the clues send it to me, Auntie Vee, Children's Herald, Windsor House, Hong Kong.

Enclose this slip with your entry and mark the left hand corner of your envelope "Competition."

Post it as soon as you have finished and remember to mark it "All My Own Work."

First prize will be \$10, second prize \$7, and the third prize \$5. There will be three certificates as consolation prizes.

Name .....

Address .....

Age .....

## RIDDLES

Why are seeds, planted in the soil, like a gate-post?

Answer: -a-dord upoh fawl They both grow.

Why is there nothing so modern as a watch?

Answer: Because it's always safe.

Why does the collector, at the station, punch a hole in your ticket?

Answer: To let you pass on.

Why is it bedtime immediately after tea?

Answer: Because when it is time to sleep, it is time to sleep.

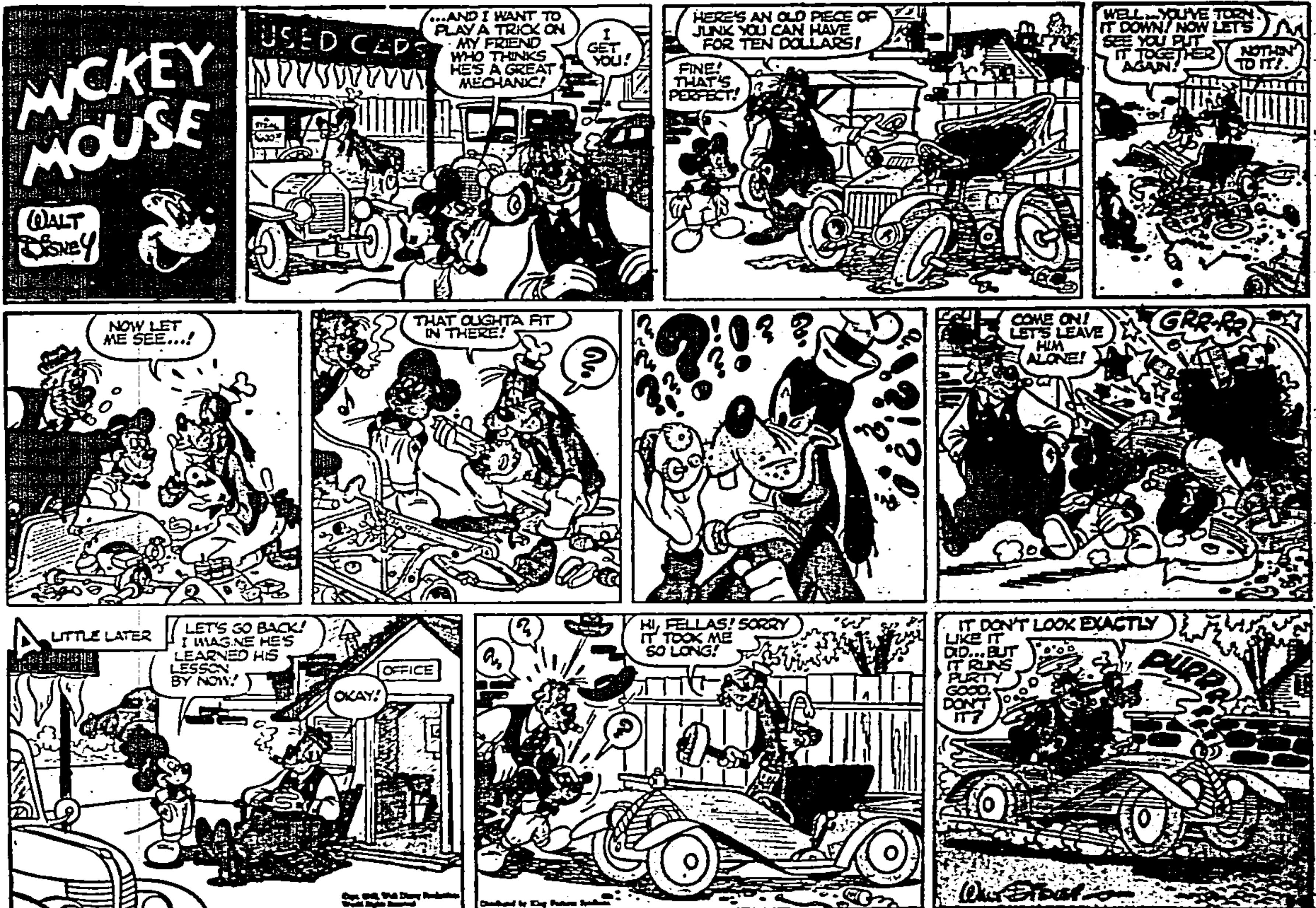
Why is the first chicken of a brood like the main mast of a ship?

Answer: Because it is a little mast.

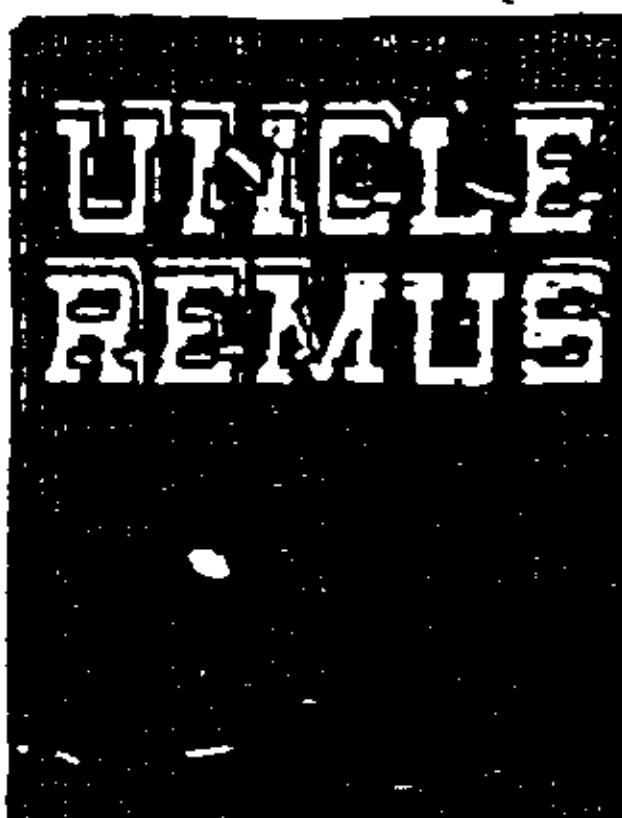
## MY FRIEND

I have a friend whose name is Dawn. She is healthy and strong. But seldom sings a song. She won't stay with us for long. Off to Australia she'll be gone.

Honour certificate to Vivian Litton, aged 11, of 23 Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong.







MISTER DOG HAS CHEATED GRAY-DADDY RABBIT OUT OF THE MONEY... BUT OLE GRAY-DADDY IS GETTING THE UPPER FOOT NOW...



## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



**FERNANDO REMEDIOS** of Plaza Ballroom, Hong Kong, will be 17 years old on December 14.

**GORDON CHEUNG** of 24 Yick Yan Street, (1st fl.) Happy Valley, Hong Kong, will be 14 years old today.

On December 15 **EDUARDO LIMA** of 26 Parkes Street (top fl.) Kowloon, will be 15 years old and **KENNEIH WONG**, of 14 Duke Street Kowloon will be 11 years old.

On December 17 **WINNIE READ** of 23 Lock Road (3rd. fl.) Kowloon will be 16 years old.

A very happy birthday to you all!

Mother: Billy, are you teasing your little brother again?

Billy: No, Mother. He's crying because he dug a hole and now he can't bring it into the house.

Father: Why is it that you are always at the bottom of your class?

Johnny: It doesn't make any difference. Daddy, because they teach the same thing at both ends.



**ALBERT EDWARD RODRIGUES** son of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Rodrigues, of 7A Bowen Road Hong Kong had his eighth birthday last week December 6.

## WINNERS

There were some very good stories sent in for the Competition and it was a very hard task to decide which ones deserved prizes.

Since most of the entries were from the older children, the prizes are \$10, \$7, \$5 and four consolation prizes.

The first prize of \$10 has been awarded to Fanny Ho of 17, Wing Fung Street West, (2nd. fl.) Wanchai. Second prize goes to Dorothy Wong of 10 Chancery Lane, Hong Kong, and the third prize goes to Winnie Read of Lock Road, (3rd. fl.) Kowloon.

Congratulations, your stories were very good.

Consolation prizes have been sent to Wendy Yeo of 6, Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong, Roger C. Kemp of 14c, Hillwood Road, top floor, Kowloon, Robert Lang of 9, King's Terrace (3rd. fl.) Kowloon, and the youngest out of all the entries, Sheena Mackenzie of Room 324, Gloucester Hotel.

Some of the stories will be printed in next week's "Children's Herald."

## THE VILLAGE ANNUAL FAIR

One day mother and I woke up to find the sun shining in our bedroom windows. We dressed and went for our early morning walk. As we walked up Clapham Hill we saw many bill posters at work, sticking up notices to say the village annual fair was to be held that afternoon in the middle of Edston Village Green. We decided we would go after lunch.

After our walk we had our breakfast, then started to clean the house. When it was spic and span we then went to the grocery to do some shopping. As we were waiting to be served we heard a little boy saying to the grocer, "You have given me half-a-crown too much in change, sir," and saying this he gave it back to the grocer.

He was a poor little boy who lived with his mother in a very small house. His father had been killed in a motor accident, and his mother earned a scanty living by cleaning homes for other people. The little boy wore a very tattered grey suit that was kept together by constant darning and patching.

My mother, hearing what the boy had said, promptly said to him, "Because you were honest and gave back that extra change, here is five shillings to go to the fair on the Green this afternoon." Mother told him to go home and ask permission to come to lunch with us, so we could all go to the fair together.

At three the fair gates opened and the crowd surged in. The jostling crowd and the happy children went to each stall in turn. Not very long afterwards nearly every child carried a brightly coloured gas filled balloon which floated in the air high up on the end of the string.

Alistair (the little boy's name) and myself went on the Merry-Go-Round. We paid our entrance fee and booked two horses side by side. One horse was ebony black with a long mane and a flowing tail—the other was a dapple grey one. As the Merry-

Go-Round started—music began to play and the horses pranced up and down on their shiny brass poles.

Next we went to the shooting galleries where Alistair aimed and won a clock for his mother. How delighted we all were that he had a prize!

Then we went into the tea tent where we had cream buns and lemonade. After tea we went to see the monkeys and a polar bear. All of a sudden we heard a roaring sound, and looking through the bars of the second cage we saw a golden maned lion. He was evidently very angry at the onlookers as he growled and lashed his tail.

We then moved on and saw a queue of children with bags of buns. By the queue was a notice: "This way to the Elephants." We quickly joined the queue and watched the elephants being fed with buns.

Last of all we visited the punch and Judy show. We laughed at the antics of Punch and his dog.

Alistair having spent half-a-crown, asked if he might take the other half-a-crown home to his mother. Mother was very pleased indeed with this, and gave him some more money.

We all then went home after a very happy day.

Honour certificate to Elizabeth A.K. Grant, aged 11, of 12c, Carnarvon Road Kowloon.

The two little girls were on their way home from Sunday School, and were solemnly discussing the lesson.

"Do you believe there is a Devil?" asked one.

"No," said the other promptly. "It's like Santa Claus; it's your father."

Mother: Another bite like that and you will have to leave the table.

Hungry Boy: Another bite like that and I'll be through.

## World Spotlight

### Aeroplanes Are Bombing Dingoes

In Hong Kong we love dogs. In Australia, the Government are spending thousands of pounds to kill them.

Aeroplanes are now systematically dropping "bombs," consisting of clusters of meat baits poisoned with strychnine, over thousands of square miles of Queensland and the Northern Territory.

It sounds a shocking business and the Government's experts hate doing it.

But these are wild dogs, known here as dingoes, and they are killing thousands of lambs and calves that would normally be exported to Britain. They do not even eat their prey. They just mutilate the carcass and then make another kill.

Dingoes look like lean and hungry German shepherd dogs. But they are native to Australia, untamable and ferocious.

One of the highlights of a trip to British Guiana is a visit to the manatees (or sea-cows) which live in a pond in the Botanical Gardens.

The manatee is a grass-eating mammal, similar in shape to a whale, with a spatula-like tail. It is perfectly harmless to humans, growing to a length of about 13 feet, and weighing about 700 lb.

Tradition says that the female of the species was the origin of the sailor's mermaid stories.

There are dozens of them in this pond (reputedly the only ones in captivity), but when first you go to its edge there is not a sign of life.

But at a whistle there will be ripples, and soon the first bristly moustached snout pokes itself out of the water, swims quickly towards you and eats grass from your hand.



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## Variety Fare

## TOUCH OF GENIUS

THE force of genius, activated presumably by some motive of compensation, occasionally seems to exert itself so as to impel an additional urge. The normal motives which persuade a man or woman to paint, write or compose music are generally attributable to either some innate desire to create an artistic composition whatever be its ultimate form or else from motives of purely financial interest.

When the latter cause is the predominant interest, it is not untrue to say that the result is generally devoid of that indefinable quality which characterises a composition written with no other thought in mind than that of committing to paper some idea urged on the composer by the still small voice of genius smouldering within.

EVEN when a composer of repute has been producing music for some long time, it does often happen that once, twice or maybe more, he effects something which is habitually associated with his name. The outstanding success of some particular piece of music is not wholly due to any fortunate fluke that the music has captured the mood of the moment or that it appeals to popular taste. Public opinion is too fickle a jade to set up as any standard of measurement; so it is the root causes lie deeper than this.

As illustrative of this point, two examples at least spring quickly to mind; Mascagni's opera "Cavalleria Rusticana" and Leoncavallo's equally well-known work "Il Pagliacci" have long enjoyed tremendous popularity both with the duettante and with the general public. Indeed, without the support of the latter, opera would be doomed to a failure more gloomy than its present state of comparative disregard in spite of State subsidies and support.

It is difficult to define just what is the quality about "Cav. & Pag." which has so caught public imagination. "Cavalleria" is full of lovely melodies, supported by a first class libretto, unspoilt by the tortuous twists of legend abounding in "Rigoletto" and "Trovatore," for example. Possibly the simplicity of the story first attracted Mascagni's attention. Whatever the cause, he has turned out a miniature masterpiece, the popularity of which has remained undiminished over the last 60 or 70 years. Much the same considerations apply to "Pagliacci," only here I would suggest it was not so much the simplicity of the libretto which appealed to Leoncavallo as the dramatic possibilities thereof.

Neither Mascagni or Leoncavallo have ever equalled the heights they achieved in these two works of theirs. Indeed nothing is ever heard of "Nero" or "Iris," two other operas by Mascagni, which seems to lend point to my opening remarks viz. that some special dispensation of genius was endowed to the composition of "Cavalleria" and "Pagliacci," which was never again manifested.

OMAR Khayam had some such sort of idea when he wrote in the "Rubayat," "The moving finger, having writ moves on."

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Griffiths Park Zoo in Southern California.
2. Forty-nine pounds.
3. Exercise Fultum
4. The Klangya, proceeding from Shanghai to Ningpo.
5. Justice Jackson
6. Kidney trouble.

The calibre of the man (or woman) is also a guiding factor, however, of prime importance, I suppose it would be true to say of any musical composer that some of their work must be classed as poor in comparison with other compositions where the heights of true genius have been touched. To imagine that Beethoven say, could always aspire to the supreme quality of his music in the "Choral" symphony or that Schubert could equal the touching beauty of the "Unfinished" would be to ask too much. Deviations from such standard are but indicative of the fallibility of mortals and of their inability always to sustain the pace they themselves set.

WAGNER broached a new realm of art-form when he embarked on the composition of "Der Ring des Nibelung." In doing so he was expressing, in new fashion, ideas which were in his mind. He had therefore no preconceived notions or precepts to which adherence was necessary, and he afforded himself consequently a wider canvas on which to paint his musical picture. Whether the "Ring" be classed as Wagner's supreme achievement or not, it cannot be denied that something urged him on to make exceptional effort. It would be rash to suggest that he achieved his object wholly, but one can go so far as to say that with the music of the "Ring" completed, Wagner did not again attempt anything quite similar. From this fact it is reasonable to suppose that Wagner had completed his answer to the exceptional efforts demanded of him by the voice of genius.

## SUNDAY

AS usual, the two-part Symphony Concert comes on the air at 9.05 p.m. and the second part commences at 10.16. This feature has been offering some very fine music and tonight's programme noted hereunder are no exception to this general observation. Music to be heard is:—

"The Wreckers" Overture—Dame Ethel Smyth

3rd Pianoforte Concerto—Beethoven  
Symphony 32 in G—Mozart  
Symphony 4 in F—Vaughan Williams

Serenade to Music—Vaughan Williams

Dame Ethel Smyth must be reckoned as one of the few women musicians who have made a name for themselves in English music. Her opera "The Wreckers" seldom sees the light of day now, although Sadler's Wells put on a revival just before the last War. She is a conductress of no mean ability, and some of her recordings of her own works are extraordinarily good.

The No. 3. Pianoforte Concerto of Beethoven's, with Artur Schnabel at the key-board, promises to be the "piece de resistance" of the whole evening's programme. Schnabel has come to be particularly identified as an authoritative interpreter of Beethoven, and with recordings having attained their present state of almost perfection, one cannot hope to hear Beethoven under more favourable conditions.

THIS particular Concerto is typical of the traits which make Beethoven so justly known for the solidarity of his music. The support given to the soloist by the orchestra is no mere accompaniment. It is part and parcel of the whole, with the solo instrument weaving in and out in the complex pattern which Beethoven was so ably capable of expounding.

The Mozart Symphony, too, cannot fail to afford the utmost pleasure and satisfaction. His music is always easy to listen to, and the discerning listener will trace that characteristic so typically Mozartian in this Symphony—a light delicate structure on which is superimposed an abundance of graceful airs and variations. No Mozart music can ever fail to please, although, to be sure, much depends on the standard of musicianship of the orchestra.

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The Vaughan-Williams compositions which comprise Part II of the Concert, are notable for their robust sturdiness, although "Serenade to Music" probably eludes this embracing description in part. As the dozen of living English composers, Vaughan Williams never fails to find something interesting to say, and having found it, to express it in musical terms such as to impress themselves on the listener's mind.

## MONDAY

AT 8.10 p.m. on Monday, Father Ryan, whose recent series of talks on "The Orchestra" finished but recently, gives a short talk on the "Last Quartettes of Beethoven." The interesting approach which Father Ryan made to his previous subject leads one to expect a similar attack on this new subject, which provides wide scope for interesting and revealing opinions.

At 9.30 p.m. the "film" to be heard is "Woman in the Hall," with Ursula Jeans, Cecil Parker and Jean Simmons, which was recently showing at the Lee Theatre. Jill Raymond acts as storyteller. The merits and demerits of radio-versions of films have been under review in these notes before. Jean Simmons, the young English actress whose portrayal of Ophelia in "Hamlet" won her such plaudits from the critics, seems to be the brightest star in the British film firmament for many a long day. This particular presentation should be worth hearing, especially by those who saw the film and indulge in a comparison of the two.

## TUESDAY

Outstanding in Tuesday night's features is a performance of Chaussau's "Poeme," by Yehudi Menuhin, the brilliant violinist, on the air at 8.30 p.m.

Menuhin, to my mind, ranks with the finest of violinists, and never fails to put over a really fine performance. This composition of Chaussau's is one of the few by which his name is still remembered and provides a good field for the soloist in which to show off his paces. If not amongst the really great music for the violin, at least it is music which provides food for thought. It is also a composition which is seldom enough heard and the opportunity to hear it played by a soloist of Menuhin's capabilities is not to be missed. This feature cannot fail to be good.

## WEDNESDAY

At 9.25 p.m. on Wednesday "The Old Lady shows her Medals," is being featured. Fay Compton played the lead in this play in London very successfully. It was featured by the B.B.C. some two or three years ago, and it makes exceptionally good listening.

Following on at 10.45, Beethoven's Sonata in A. for cello and piano is to be given. Quiet music to send the listener to bed in peaceful frame!

## THURSDAY

At 8.30 p.m. on Thursday there is a Mozart Concerto to be heard. Again, this delightful music, not to be missed on any account. It would be difficult to name music which is "easier" to listen to than the Mozart Concertos. They all (to my mind at least) seem to develop so logically, yet, at the same time, never give an impression of a pre-determined plan.

If one requires more exciting music, then listen to Smetana's "Bartered Bride" Overture at 9 p.m. played by the London Symphony Orchestra, under Bruno Walter. In the same programme, Elgar's "Bavarian Dance" is to be heard, conducted by the Composer.

## FRIDAY

A recital by Kreisler and Rachmaninoff is on the air on Friday at 9.35 p.m., when a programme of Bach, Beethoven and Rachmaninov is to be given. This feature will repay attention, for it is seldom that two such artistes as these are heard in combination.



# Health Page

## Why The King Must Rest

By A Harley-Street Consultant

The illness from which it has been announced the King is suffering is uncommon. But it is one which might attack anyone.

And the explanation for the necessity of the prolonged rest which has been advised is not difficult for anyone to understand.

The arteries are the only means by which the blood can circulate. It is by these channels that sufficient oxygen is carried from the lungs to the rest of the body. In the same way waste products are removed from muscles and other organs to be eliminated by lungs and kidneys.

If any particular vessels become diseased and narrow or blocked, then there must be an impairment of the circulation.

This, it would appear from the official statements, is what has happened in the case of the King.

It was in 1908 that Leo Beuger first described a disease known as "thromboangiitis obliterans" and which has since carried his name. In this condi-

tion there is inflammation affecting the deep arteries and veins of the limbs. One or both legs may be affected; only rarely does the trouble extend to the arms as well.

Thrombosis occurs, the channels are blocked either partly or completely, and so little blood reaches the area supplied by that vessel.

The disease usually attacks middle-aged men. It is very rare in the female. The cause is not yet known, though in some cases excessive cigarette-smoking has been thought to excite the trouble.

### The Cause: Strain

It may well be aggravated by prolonged mental and physical strain.

The condition is generally first brought to the notice of the patient by the onset of pains in the feet and toes after exercise. Then walking a few steps brings on cramp, due to lack of blood to take away the waste products formed by the contracting muscles. This is known as "intermittent claudication."

Later pulsation is lost completely in the vessels of the feet, and cramps persist almost all the time.

The course of the illness varies greatly. But rest is essential.

Some cases respond almost miraculously to modern methods of treatment, and the patient is able to get about again in a few months. But just as with other complaints, this is not always so. It is a matter of awaiting results.

Since the basic cause of the disease is not known there can be no treatment directed to the root of the matter. But remedies which tend to dilate the arteries and thus give a better blood-supply to the part affected are clearly those which must be tried.

### Thyroid Gland

So far as drugs are concerned claims have been made for the administration of thyroid gland, the injection of certain extracts of body tissues, and the use of nicotinic acid, one of the "B" group of vitamins.

Operation on the arteries themselves is useless because there is no definite single area affected.

Modern science, however, has many means of combating such an affection which were not available to patients even 20 years ago.

Until these have been tried and until more is known about the progress of the disease it is impossible to give any true idea of what the outcome of the King's present illness may be.

## NEW DRUG GIVES HOPE

A new drug, perfected by British scientists after ten years' ceaseless research, has brought fresh hope for the world's 5,000,000 sufferers from leprosy.

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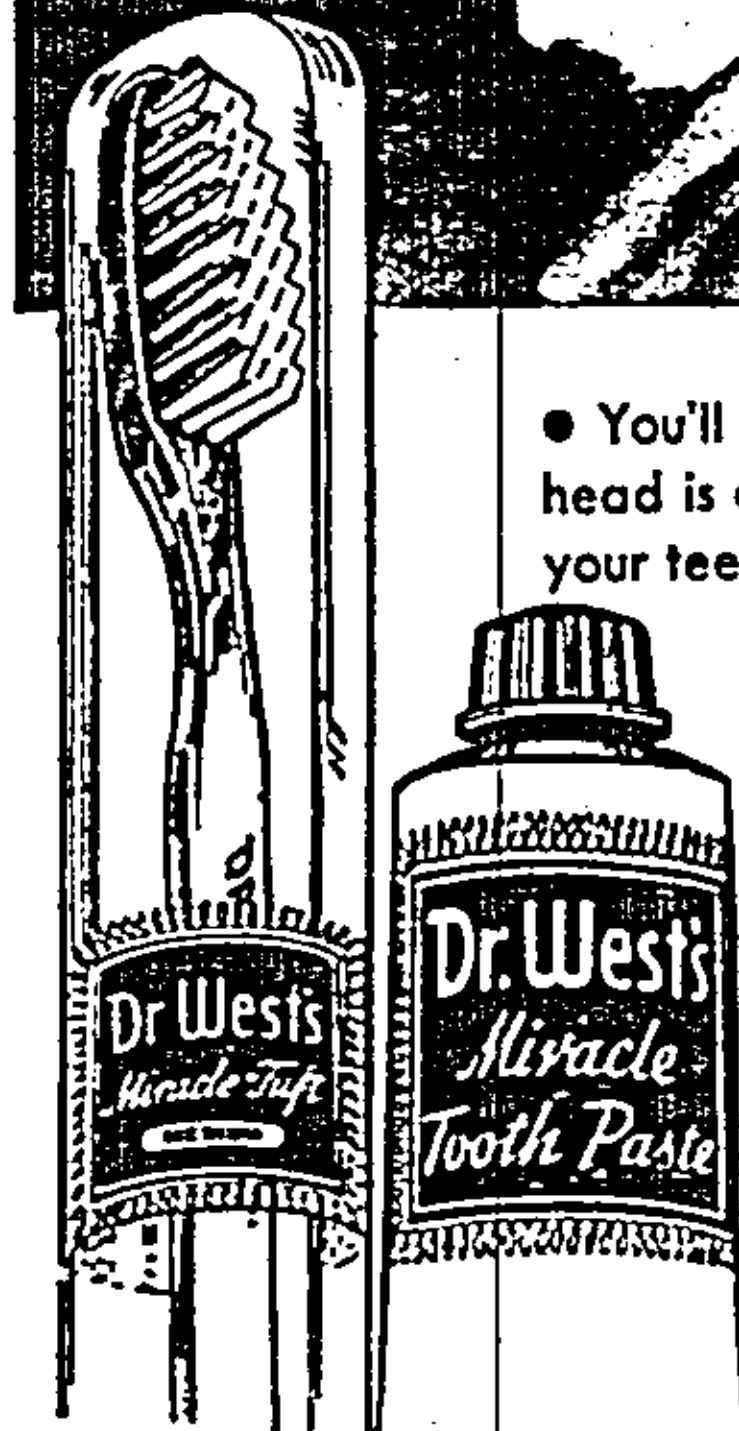


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happiness may best be judged by glancing back through the long and dreadful history of leprosy. First established in ancient Egypt, the disease spread through the world in the train of conquering armies—but for thousands of years no effective treatment was known.

Instead, the leper was shunned by his fellows, isolated from all normal life, condemned to days of loneliness and beggary while the fatal disease was left to do its worst.

Only at the start of the present century was a form of effective treatment introduced, and this was by no means without serious drawbacks. The new drug, 'Sulphetrone,' holds greater promise than any previous form of treatment, and may finally enable nine out of ten patients treated to return home and lead a normal life.

Nor does this exhaust the possibilities of 'Sulphetrone.' Experiments have shown that it has an effect against the tubercle bacillus, particularly when given with streptomycin. Trials with it are still proceeding and therefore it is too early as yet to assess its final place in the treatment of this disease.



# Our Serial Story

THE AUSTRALIAN BEST SELLER  
**THESE ARE MY PEOPLE**

By **ALAN MARSHALL**

"Couldn't get a bit," said the man at the wheel. "I tried everywhere. Couldn't even get an ounce. It's got me beat. I tried everywhere. You'd think a bloke'd get an ounce."

The men received the announcement in silence. They stood in indecision, finding it hard to accept the fact that it was final. Then they parted. Some walked to saddled horses tethered to the fence, others climbed into jinkers. They did not wave or call goodbye. They went away in silence, each occupied with his own bleak thoughts.

"Come on," said Sam.

We climbed back into the buggy and trotted off into mallee. It was mid-day and the sun was warm. Blue-bonnet parrots dropped from overhanging limbs and sped ahead of us down the track. They arrested their flight in a flutter of green and dropped into the recesses of scrub pine and she-oak where we again flushed them chattering with indignation.

We left the bull mallee country and became conscious of the sky. A wedge-tail eagle circled lower, searching clumps of scrub for the movement of a mouse or bird.

Two magpies, like fighter planes attacking a bomber winged up to intercept it. They rose till only the blue sky was above them. The eagle, gliding imperturbably below, did not alter its flight nor cease the quick turning of its head as it searched the ground.

One of the magpies, uttering harsh cries, peeled off and came down in a power dive of beating wings. Only when it was a few yards away from the eagle were its wings momentarily furled. It shot down to what seemed an inevitable collision, but pulled out with a sudden spread of its pinions and swooped up and away again.

From where we sat, far down below, we heard the snap of its bill as it shot past the larger bird.

The eagle seemed unconscious of the attack. Its uninterrupted glide continued. The second magpie, calling valiantly like its mate, now hurtled down. This time the eagle made a quick, evasive movement as its attacker struck. It dropped one powerful wing and swerved, then glided on as before.

The magpies wheeled and came in from the rear. They dived in turn, keeping up a ceaseless harrying. The eagle looked as the snapping beaks grazed its head. It was unable to concentrate on the ground. After one furious dive in which the two magpies swooped together, it flapped its great wings and began to rise to a safer height. It became a speck in the sky, and the magpies returned in a long glide and alighted on a straggling gum in which I noticed a nest.

The male bird fluffed its feathers and carolled triumphantly. The female, her head on one side, peeped into the nest, then began preening her wings.

"Them eagles," said Sam, "are seven feet across. A magpie wouldn't be a foot. It just shows you."

We crossed an arid flat where bread grass grew like weeds from the bottom of the sea. The spreading stems lay flat on the ground and silenced the wheels of the buggy. It cushioned the iron tyres on its crushed leaves so that we rode without vibration.

To reach the desert country where the lowans built their mounds of leaves and sand we had to skirt a wide salt-pan painted with a colour so vivid it almost hurt the eyes. The pig-face was in flower and for miles the cyclamen blossoms were open to the sun. The reflected light from the spread of

colour tinged the dark spokes of the buggy with rose.

"I've known blokes that wouldn't believe that," said Sam, waving his whip to include the far reaches of the salt-pan. "Sometimes, when I'm away, I don't believe it myself, but it's good to know you thought you saw it."

"It is," I said. "Some day I will look back on this day and wonder if it really was as beautiful as I now know it to be."

"I'd like to walk in it," said Olive, so we stopped and she walked through the flowers while we watched her.

When she returned she said, "Even if we don't find a lowan's nest, it doesn't matter now."

A few miles further on we tethered the horses on the edge of thick whipstick mallee through which it was impossible to drive. We walked through gaps in tangled walls of scrub, following Sam along narrow avenues in the scrub pine and mallee until I grew tired with ploughing through the soft sand that formed the desert floor.

"I'll scout around," said Sam. "I'll call you when I find one. It was here last year, not far from where we are now."

He disappeared, and Olive and I sat down on the sand to rest. In a little while he came back, treading softly as if loath to break the intense silence of this place.

"I've found one," he whispered. "I roused the hen but she might come back. You two walk on ahead and follow my tracks. You might see her."

We started off, walking quickly. "Take your time," whispered Sam, behind us. "Don't bust yourselves."

We walked quietly, following his twisting tracks, until they led us to a gap in the undergrowth. We passed through the gap into a small clearing. There was a quick flurry of wings and a lowan raced into the scrub from where he had been standing on top of her mound.

I had always wanted to see a lowan's nest, not only because of an interest in the bird itself, but because I knew that if I stood in some quiet place where this bird had toiled to build a mound of sand and leaves, I would be able to say with truth, this is the mallee.

The spirit of a place eludes you when you see it from a highway; it retreats from you when you follow it into uninhabited places, but when deep within it, you hear a bird it has sheltered or see a creature it has nurtured, this living thing that cannot speak becomes the link between you and your surroundings.

The cry of a coachwhip bird is the voice of a mountain gully; the flight of a red kangaroo is a voiceless interpretation of the plains, and here, where the hot sunlight was ringed with mallee, the lowan's mound became a symbol of the country of little trees.

I sat down beside it filled with an ecstasy of awareness as if, in the fleeting glimpse of a brown bird, had been given a sign that that which separated me from the mallee had gone.

The mound was about twelve feet across and some three feet high. The clearing in which it lay was swept clean of leaves and twigs. The open spaces between the encircling trees were bare of surface rubbish. The lowan's powerful feet had raked the entire areas as clean as the floor of a home. Brush-like marks in the soft

sand showed where she had used her wings to gather the material for her nest.

The top of the mound was scooped into a shallow hollow. The loose sand lay unevenly in the depression. Sam, kneeling on the side of the mound, scraped the sand away with his hands so that we could see the eggs.

About a foot beneath the surface he uncovered a circular pit with perpendicular sides of sand and leaves. Deep in the pit, arranged in a circle with the large ends uppermost, were nine enormous eggs. How the bird placed them in so orderly a fashion was a mystery. There they lay, packed on end, waiting for the heat of decaying leaves to bring forth feathered babies who would never see their mother. From deep beneath the sand, these chicks would scratch their way upward, feet first, till, with a final kick, they emerged into sunshine. A short rest to dry their feathers and then they would race into the scrub fully equipped to earn their own living.

We covered the eggs and left the mound as we found it.

On our way back to the buggy Sam, contentedly happy, allowed himself a brief expression of his triumph.

"Mick doesn't know where there's any mallee hen's nest," he said.

With our next month's ration of petrol we included quite a number of large towns in our canvass for messages. It was difficult to find camping spots within the town themselves, and often we were forced to camp in bleak places on the outskirts for the few days necessary to contact the people familiar with the names of the boys who had joined up from that district.

We always tried to find a spot beside water even if it was only a pool. Further south we cruised along slowly in drizzling rain, looking for a clump of trees to break the driving wind which had bowled us along in front of it over miles of plain.

We decided to risk the sodden earth beside a creek and pulled in under a clump of black box. A reed-bed in front of us was moving with water-hens, and I heard plovers calling from a paddock beyond the road.

The next day was muggy, and in the evening the buzz of mosquitoes was worse than usual.

We had become accustomed to singing beetles and moths dropping from the swinging lamp on to our typewriters. When some new or brightly coloured insect fell upon us we commented on its appearance, but we now seemed to be on familiar terms with everything that crawled. Olive would stop her typing, and ask nervously, "I wonder will that thing bite?" at which I would look at it carefully and say, "No."

Ants, in mating flights, shed their wings upon our table and floor, and lost bees sometimes buzzed from window to window on sunny afternoons, but they did not disturb us.

Mosquitoes usually refrained from biting us while the lamp was alight, and when we at last turned it out the mosquito netting above our bed kept them at bay.

But this time they buzzed round our heads or settled on the walls of the caravan where they stood motionlessly as if waiting to pounce on us. They got into Olive's hair and occasionally I heard her smack her leg.

"The mosquitoes are bad tonight," she said at last. "I wonder where they are getting in?"

I stopped work and we made a search round our fly-wire-covered windows, but they were intact. We blocked the crack beneath the door, but the mosquitoes gradually increased in numbers until it was impossible to write.

We had a consultation to decide on a plan of action. I suggested that, as it seemed to be the light that was attracting them, Olive take the lamp and stand outside, a few yards away from the door. I would then lash round with a towel and they would follow her out.

It seemed a good idea. Olive unhooked the lamp and opened the door. The wave of mosquitoes that broke upon her made her falter, but she leapt out resolutely, and left me in a buzzing darkness. I went into a convulsive shadow-sparring, more in self-defence than as a partner in a course of action. I was drowning in insect. I heard Olive gasp inside, then her voice: "I'm coming in. There's millions on me."

She bounded through the doorway and slammed the door behind her. The lamp she held was dimmed by the mosquitoes she had locked in the caravan. They filled the air so thickly that a deep breath, whipped some into our



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nostrils. There was a constant pattering sound as of raindrops, the noise of the countless insects drumming against the ceiling. They settled on our clothes, our hands, our faces.

Swatting with folded newspapers was useless. I set fire to one of the papers I held and made a flaming torch with which I proceeded to burn them as they flew. It was effective, and I lit another one, whipping it to and fro and filling the caravan with smoke and ashes.

In one flaming sweep I set fire to the curtains which flared more fiercely than the paper. I grabbed them and smothered the flames in my hands. A burnt caravan would have been another last straw.

We soon realised that we were fighting a losing battle, so we turned out the light and retreated to the shelter of the mosquito netting beneath which we undressed in darkness.

Next day we moved on and camped on higher ground. In the evening we went bird-nesting. Our favourite pastime in the spring when our evening meal was over and the sun was still high in the sky. We were not robbers seeking eggs, but friends dropping in to meet the children.

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### 'PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE'

James McKechnie will be heard as Professor Eccles in 'Professor of Medicine,' to be broadcast in the Eastern Service on Sunday at 10.30. The programme shows a day in the life of Professor Eccles. The script has been written by L. J. Witts, Nuffield Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Oxford.

The day is a full one and the Professor has to resist many calls upon his time which take him from his job, which he defines as "to teach students and to advance knowledge, to keep up the tradition of university scholarship in medicine." Production by Nesta Pain.

### OLD ENGLISH SONGS

Stanley Clarkson, the Australian bass, will be heard in a programme of English songs in the General Overseas Service this week on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. He will sing such lovely old airs as 'Why should'st thou swear I am forewarned?' by Harry Lawes; 'Old English Song Cycle: Pack Clouds Away' by Handel; 'Love me or not,' by Arne; 'Love in thy Youth,' by Howard (arranged by Henry Colman); and 'I envy not a monarch's fate,' by Purcell.

### TURBO-JET INVENTOR

'Turbo-Jet' is the title of a feature programme in the Eastern Service on Tuesday at 10.30 p.m. It is about the invention of the turbo-jet engine, one of the most fascinating engineering stories of modern times. The name of the inventor, Air Commodore Frank Whittle, is now familiar to the general public all over the world, although three or four years ago he was unknown outside aeronautical engineering circles. He sprang into fame overnight when the world was told about Britain's new jet fighters.

The technical accuracy of the programme is assured because Air Commodore Whittle has himself taken a close personal interest in its preparation.

## Sunday, December 12.

### EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.

10.30 RADIO DRAMA—Professor of Medicine. Written by L. J. Witts. Nuffield Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Oxford.

### GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

9.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN: BBC Theatre Orchestra, Sylvia Robin (soprano), Robert Irwin (baritone). Conductor: Walter Goehr. 'Music for Shakespeare'.

10.15 MUSIC OF THE REGIMENTS: Band of the King's Royal Rifle Corps. Conductor: Mr. A. W. Jarvis.

10.45 CHURCHES AT WORSHIP: 'A Restored Church in the East End of London,' by Howard Marshall.

# B.B.C. Highlights

11.15 VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE: BBC Variety Orchestra. Conductor: Rae Jenkins with Victor Newbury.

P.M.

12.30 BRITISH CONCERT HALL: New London Orchestra Conducted and presented by Alec Sherman. Overture: Street Corner.

Symphony No. 8, in F Beethoven  
Fantasy-Overture: Romeo and Juliet Tchaikovsky.

1.30 SPORTS BULLETIN.

2.15 TIME FOR WORSHIP: from Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, Shaftesbury Avenue, London, conducted by the Rev. F. Townley Lord.

2.30 STANLEY CLARKSON (Australian bass).

2.45 FOOTBALL RESULTS.

4.15 GENERALLY SPEAKING: 'In My Experience,' Alys Russell.

4.30 SUNDAY SERVICE from St. Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, London, conducted by the Rev. George E. Reindorp.

8.15 Tommy Handley in 'ITMA'.

9.15 MELODY TIME: Geraldo and his Concert Orchestra.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 CONCERTO.

A series of weekly programmes, Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 26 in D (Coronation) played by Fanny Waterman and the BBC Northern Orchestra, conductor, Charles Groves. Programme also includes: Rubbra's Festival Overture; Moszkowski's Ballet Music, Boabdil.

## Monday, December 13.

### EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.

10.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME—English Gardens, V. Sackville-West makes a plea for maintaining the best traditions in the art of the English garden.

### GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

P.M.

12.15 THE NEWS.

1.30 MUSIC OF THE REGIMENTS: Band of the King's Royal Rifle Corps. Conductor: Mr. A. W. Jarvis.

3.15 MUSIC FROM GRAND HOTEL: Palm Court Orchestra Directed by Tom Jenkins John Cockerill (harp).

3.45 MAINLY FOR WOMEN.

4.15 CRADLE TO GRAVE: 'The End of the Road' Last of four programmes describing Britain's new Social Security System, written by John Harries.

5.00 CELEBRITY RECITAL—Claudio Arrau (piano).

6.15 ORCHESTRAS OF THE WORLD: 11: Orchestra of La Scala, Milan (gramophone records).

7.15 SYLVIA FISHER (Australian soprano).

8.45 BRITISH INDUSTRY: A talk by William Holt.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 Eric Barker in 'THE WATER-LOGGED SPA'.

10.45 ARTHUR BIRKBY OCTET with Billy Mayerl (piano) and Roland Robson (baritone).

## Tuesday, December 14.

### EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.

10.30 'TURBO-JET': The story of the invention of the turbo-jet engine by Air Commodore Whittle. Produced by Robin Whitworth in co-operation with Air Commodore Whittle and Peter Cross.

### GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

Peter Cross.

A.M.

9.15 LET'S MAKE MUSIC: featuring Eric Winstone and his Orchestra.

10.00 GENERALLY SPEAKING: A talk from the BBC Home Service.

10.15 TIP-TOP TUNES: Geraldo and his Orchestra.

11.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN: BBC Theatre Orchestra and Chorus: Ruth Packer (soprano), Rosina Raisbeck (mezzo-soprano), Walter Midgley (tenor), Douglas Craig (baritone). Conducted by Clifton Hellwell. In

excepts from Verdi's 'Il Travatore' (The Troubadour).

P.M.

12.30 VARIETY BANDBOX: Michael Howard, Doris Hare, Harry Secombe, Max and Harry Nesbitt, Stella Nichols and Rene Pougnet, Leslie Haskell and Felix Mendelssohn and his Hawaiian Serenaders.

2.15 WEST COUNTRY. VARIETY ORCHESTRA: Conductor: Norman Brooks.

5.00 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Conducted by Basil Cameron. Theo Olof (violin), Violin Concerto in E minor Mendelssohn.

5.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME: English Gardens, V. Sackville-West makes a plea for the art of the English garden.

5.15 ANNE SHELTON in introducing Anne Again.

8.15 TO TOWN WITH TERRY with Frances Day, Ronald Chesney, Ruth Dunning, April, May, and June and Terry Thomas.

8.45 BRITISH FARMER: 'Winter Rations: Men versus Animals,' by L. F. Easterbrook.

9.15 LET'S MAKE MUSIC: Eric Winstone and his Orchestra, with Roy Marsh, Leslie Howard, Julie Dawn, and The Quartet, and The Freddie Phillips Quintet.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

11.30 NEW RECORDS: Presented by Robert Tredinnick.

## Wednesday, December 15.

### GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

11.45 STAR VARIETY: Ronald Chesney and Steven Conway.

P.M.

5.00 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME: Schubert, Frederick Thurston (clarinet), Dennis Brain (bassoon), Martin String Quartet J. Edward Merrett (double bass), Octet for clarinet, horn, bassoon, string quartet and double-bass.

6.15 SANDY MACPHERSON AT THE THEATRE ORGAN.

7.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.

9.30 VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE: BBC Variety Orchestra. Conductor, Rae Jenkins with Janet Davis.

9.15 ISLAND OF PUFFINS: Lundy. Frank Gillard speaks from the island by radio link. Lockwood West introduces recordings made on the island.

9.45 HARRY ISAACS AND YORK BOWEN at two pianos.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 BAND PARADE.

11.30 BOOKS TO READ.

11.45 'FILM': A talk by Roger Manvell.

## Thursday, December 16.

### GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

3.30 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA: Conductor: Ian Whyte.

Overture: Di Balle. Sullivan. The Water Music. Handel—Harty.

10.00 COLONIAL COMMENTARY.

11.15 QUEEN'S HALL LIGHT ORCHESTRA: Conductor: Sidney Torch.

P.M.

2.10 THE DAILY SERVICE.

3.15 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA: Conductor: Ian Whyte.

Symphony No. 41 in C (The Jupiter) Mozart.

3.45 LIFE IN BRITAIN.

5.00 'HOW NOW, ULYSSES': A Portrait of Conrad by Marlow. Written by John Mack.

7.15 STAR VARIETY: Tessie O'Shea and Billy Thorburn.

7.30 BBC WELSH ORCHESTRA: Conductor: Mansel Thomas.

9.15 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C.: THE FIRST CRICKET TEST MATCH: A commentary by John Arlott on the first day's play at Durban.

9.45 ACCORDEON CLUB with Primo Scala and his Accordion Band.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

11.30 THE BRAINS TRUST: Resident Team: Collin Brooks, Kingsley Martin, and Wilson Harris. Question-Master: Gilbert Harding.

## Friday, December 17.

### EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.

9.30 FIRDAUS-I-GOSH: A programme of music, prose or verse.

9.45 SUNNE KI BATEN: A question and answer programme.

10.00 NEWS IN HINDUSTANI.

10.15 LONDON LETTER FOR CEYLON (in Sinhalese).

10.30-11.30 Programme in English.

10.30 'LONDON MIRROR': Reflections of life and thought in London today.

11.00 BACKGROUND TO MUSIC: 22: The Impressionists (gramophone records).

11.15 NEW IDEAS: A series of programmes on work in progress in Britain.

11.30 Close down.

### GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

11.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.

P.M.

12.30 LISTENERS' CHOICE.

1.00 'ITMA'.

1.30 SPORTS BULLETIN.

1.45 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C.: An eye-witness account.

4.30 IN BRITAIN NOW: A National Magazine.

5.30 NEW RECORDS: Presented by Robert Tredinnick.

6.15 BOOKS TO READ.

7.15 QUEEN'S HALL LIGHT ORCHESTRA: Conductor: Sidney Torch.

9.15 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C.—THE FIRST CRICKET TEST MATCH: A commentary by John

Keep this page for use during the week.

Arlott on the second day's play at Durban.

9.45 CESAR FRANCK: 'Le Chasseur Maudit,' played by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Conductor: Désiré Defauw (gramophone records).

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

12.30 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C.: An eye-witness account by John Arlott.

12.45 THE DECEMBER BLOOD-STOCK SALES: The December sales held at Newmarket by Messrs. Tattersalls is one of the most important sales of bloodstock in the world. A feature of the sales in always the large number of high-class mares in foal which come under the hammer. The sales will be described by Henry Riddell with the help of recordings made at Newmarket.

## Saturday, December 18.

### GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

9.15 VOICE OF THE VIOLIN: featuring Michael Spivakowsky.

P.M.

12.30 'THE WATERLOGGED SPA'.

1.00 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Conductor: Sir Adrian Boult.

1.30 SPORTS BULLETIN.

1.45 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C.: An eye-witness account.

4.45 ACCORDEON CLUB.

5.00 'GREAT EXPECTATIONS' by Charles Dickens. 'The Benefactor'.

5.30 SCOTTISH MAGAZINE.

6.00 WORLD AFFAIRS.

6.16 'FILM': A talk by Roger Manvell.

8.15 BILLY MAYERL and his Music.

8.30 'MUCH-BINDING-IN-THE-MARSH'.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

10.15 SANDY MACPHERSON AT THE THEATRE ORGAN.

10.20 SOUTH AFRICA v. M.C.C.—THE FIRST CRICKET TEST MATCH: A commentary by John Arlott on the third day's play at Durban.

11.00 ENGLAND v. AUSTRALIA: Rugby: The Third (and Final) Test Match, at Odsal Stadium, Bradford. A commentary by Harry Sunderland on the second half.

11.45 CARDIFF CITY v. BRADFORD: Association Football: A commentary by Raymond Glendenning.

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## Talking about Films.

# SCOTT FILM IS EPIC

By Fred Majdalany

Scott of the Antarctic the new English film shown at the Royal Command Performance in London last night, has practically everything to discourage the average producer from making it.

The five leading characters are men. During most of the picture their faces have to be submerged in whiskers, smeared with black grease, and split by frostbite. The climax is ironic, the end is unrelievedly tragic.

It even dares to be concerned with, in their simplest form, such unfashionable matters as courage, endurance, comradeship, and epic endeavour for its own sake.

It is a great film because the essential simplicity of its theme has been left alone to tell its own story. But all of the screen's great potential in sight and sound has been splashed into the job to give the story a setting that is heroic and surpassingly beautiful.

### Gallant Failures

The story is a classic in the line of Gallant Failures which are a feature of English history.

It begins, characteristically, with Scott himself having to raise the funds for his final expedition. Even in 1909 it was impossible, apparently, to persuade a Government that it would be fine if an Englishman got to the South Pole first.

In a manner slightly reminiscent of some military adventures of recent times, Scott discovers, soon after the Antarctic march has begun, that his equipment is wrong—ponies and tractors, brought in addition to dogs, are a failure.

When Scott and four picked men finally reach the Pole it is only to discover that the Norwegian Amundsen has got there first. There is something charmingly right (and probably incomprehensible outside this country) in their feeling that it was vaguely unsporting of Amundsen to get there so quickly.

There follows the journey back—a dreadful ordeal by blizzard, fatigue, illness, and injury; the self-sacrifice of Captain Oates, who walked into the blizzard to save them having a passenger; and the end only 11 miles from base when the others, finally beaten, quietly await death.

### Poetic Colour

My outstanding impression photography of Jack Cardiff, Osmond Borradale, and Geoffrey Unsworth, whose Technicolour work in this film is very nearly the most poetically exciting ever seen.

For this alone the film could be seen again and again. This visual beauty is perfectly matched by the music, specially composed for the occasion by Vaughan Williams—harsh, noble, and at times howling music that is Antarctic in its cold fury.

As far as the acting is concerned, this is a case where the whole is greater than the part. It is enough to say that John Mills (Scott), Derek Bond (Oates), Reginald Beckwith (Bowers), and James Robertson Justice (Taff Evans) do a fine job. But in this case the picture is the thing—and a great thing at that.

Today film shows on Atlantic liners are almost routine. Nearly all Britain's crack liners provide several shows for passengers during the crossing, and in the case of the Queen Mary and the Queen Elizabeth, some new films have had their premieres at sea in the ships' theatres. That on the Queen Elizabeth is one of the world's finest miniature theatres. Decorated in red, white, and blue, it seats 338 people. A theatre with a seating capacity of 200 was built specially into the Queen Mary when she was reconditioned after World War II. Other Cunard liners such as the Britannic, the Media, the Parthia and Mauretania and the Aquitania all have their own cinemas.

Orson Welles and Joseph Cotton have the two leading male parts in "The Third Man," which Carol Reed is directing for London Film Productions. It is a drama based on the dangers and corruption of life in the four zones of Vienna, and location scenes are being shot in the Austrian capital. The Hohermarkt and several famous churches have been taken, and an exciting scene between Cotton and Welles is enacted on the Giant Wheel in the Prater (Vienna's famous fairground). The young Italian actress Valli (she has appeared in more than 30 pictures in her own country) plays the role of the Austrian heroin. She has recently returned from Hollywood, where she acted in "Miracle of the Bells" and "The Paradine Case."

Forty-eight-years-old Raymond Lovell, Canadian-born stage and screen actor, breaks away from a long sequence of more serious roles for a light comedy part in Aubrey Baring's new screen comedy "Fools Rush In," starring Sally Ann Howes, Guy Rolfe and Nora Swinburne. "Fools Rush In" is produced by Aubrey Baring and directed by John Paddy Carstairs with George Archibald in charge of production at Britain's Pinewood Studios. The cast includes Nigel Buchanan, Thora Hird, Patricia Raine and Nora Nicholson. Raymond plays the role of a middle-aged diplomat who is assigned to Peru at a moment when he is contemplating marriage. The position is complicated by the arrival of the ex-husband (Guy Rolfe) of the woman he is going to marry—Nora Swinburne.

## Best-Dressed Star? Women Answer 'Myrna Loy'

Nearly 50 British and American film stars and five survivors of Scott's Antarctic expedition were presented to the Queen, Princess Margaret, and the Duke of Edinburgh at the Royal Command film show at the Empire.

The show opened with the premiere of the film "Scott of the Antarctic" and closed with an hour's stage show introduced by Sir Laurence Olivier, in which all the British and American stars took part.

Thoughts of the King, resting at Buckingham palace, made it a sentimental occasion, as well as a great gathering of film celebrities.

Sympathy and admiration mingled in the great cheer that rose as the royal party arrived—the Queen in a jewel-embroidered dress of white silk georgette, with diamond tiara and a sable cape, Princess Margaret in shell-pink brocade and white fox cape.

They were greeted by a guard of honour of 50 King's Scouts.

The Queen, praising their turn-out said: "I hope they see the picture." She was told that places had been reserved for them.

Unrehearsed comedy performance of the evening came from Phyllis Calvert's five-year-old daughter Auriol, who presented carnations and roses to the Princess, while Bobby Henrey, nine-year-old star of "The Fallen Idol," presented orchids to the Queen.

Someone whispered to Auriol, "You forgot to curtsy." So she skipped back in front of the Princess, made her curtsy, and ran back to mother.

Stars whose names draw long box-office queues contented themselves with walking-on parts in the show. The American contingent (most of them travelled specially from Hollywood) included Myrna Loy, Alan Ladd, Robert Taylor, Virginia Mayo, Joan Caulfield, Elizabeth Taylor, Patricia Neal and Sue Carol.

Women onlookers voted Myrna Loy's dress the prettiest.

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## General Knowledge Answers

- At 10 a.m. daily.
- Manana, operating over the 110 miles between Corrientes and Mburucuyá in the Argentine on a schedule of 13 hours 10 minutes. It is almost unknown for the train to get in on time and it is usually some hours late.
- The total was 1,246,025 of which 755,257 were from U.K.
- One hundred thousand.
- In 1801.
- 270,384 ordinaries, 83,120 Actions de Jouissance, together worth £44,250,000.
- The Severn, 220 miles against 210.
- John Cabot, in 1497.



## Bali: Between Terrorism And Tourism

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Since the Council of Rajahs has become the chief executive body on Bali, some of the Rajahs have been feeling their oats and have been increasing their exactions. This is indicated by a recent brush between the Rajah of Karang-Assem and Theo Meier, a Swiss painter, who lives a Bohemian life in the beautiful mountain village of Selat. Theo Meier is a resident of 11 years standing and is more a Balinese institution than a mere resident, for he knows and loves Bali well and all the villagers come to him for help of various sorts.

The old Rajah of Karang-Assem knits rows of secure extra "contributions" from his subjects. He asks for rice for religious festivals but somehow part of the rice received goes into his godowns. At the end of the war he improved his position substantially by compelling his creditors to accept repayment at face value in much depreciated Japanese currency.

Recently the Rajah of Karang-Assem made it known to Theo Meier, that he would like him to present him, gratis of course, with a large painting on the occasion of his 40th jubilee as Rajah. When Meier—who as a European needn't fear the Rajah's wrath as much as the Balinese—didn't move a brush, the Rajah further offered that he could live in his "Water Palace"—a half-built monstrosity—while painting.

Meier thought that he might do a large abstract painting if the Rajah made the "Water Palace" tempting enough so he asked, through an intermediary, whether the Rajah would supply six pigs and three cattle as food during the time the painting was being executed. The Rajah sent word back that he had changed his mind and would rather not be "presented" with a painting.

### Wiser Heads

The Rajahs are being kept from going too far by some of the wiser heads among them, particularly the Rajah of Gianyar and the Rajah of Buleleng. The Rajah of Gianyar, the chubby young Premier of East Indonesia, Anak Agung Gde Agung, has been telling them that if they do not grant a greater measure of influence to the people within their princely states, the people might sometime take it for themselves.

There have been many indications that the Dutch transfer of authority to the hands of the Rajahs is not a popular measure among the politically conscious of Bali. Many of the young nationalist guerillas who fought in the hills felt they were fighting as much against the feudalism of the Rajahs as the colonialism of the Dutch, and now that the Dutch have handed over to the Rajahs, concentrate their enmity against the Rajahs, whom they describe as "feudal puppets of the Dutch." These young guerillas have not forgotten the fact that the espionage system of the Rajah of Gianyar was of considerable help in defeating their movement. Nor have they forgotten the actions of the Rajah of Badung (the princely state in which Den Passar is located). A substantial body of young guerillas came to him for advice and he said: "You surrender and if the Dutch put you in jail, I'll go too." They surrendered and, of course, the Dutch jailed them but the Rajah forgot to accompany them.

The guerilla phase of nationalist activity on Bali has shifted to a political phase, but suspicion of the Rajahs runs deep among the Balinese nationalist politicians as well. And they are not without influence. Three of Bali's six representatives in the East Indonesian parliament are outspoken nationalists. The most recent man to be elected from Bali, Ida Bagus Manua, was still in prison after one and a half years for his resistance activities at the time of his election.

### Social Position

There is considerable support for the nationalists and against the Rajahs among educated women because although Balinese women are world-

## New Books BRITAIN 1998 AND ALL THAT By Peter Quennell

From a novelist's magic casement Henry Green invites you to look forth with him across the forbidding landscape of the immediate future.

Fifty years have trundled by; Britain has been thoroughly socialised until the last drop of individual colouring-matter would seem at first sight to have been gradually, expertly squeezed out.

But even under the constant pressure of almighty Regulations human beings remain their unregenerate selves; old men are lonely and aggrieved; young girl foolish, over-excited, and frequently unhappy.

The scene of "Concluding" is laid in a vast and ancient country house—which now provides a snug refuge for embattled female bureaucrats.

famous for their build and posture, their social position is very low. The low position of women is indicated by the fact that on the illustrated Balinese calendar the worst days is represented by a woman wearing a kris (the Balinese dagger which symbolizes a man's power) and sitting in a position superior to that of a man. Many of the educated women fear the rule of the Rajahs will mean they will be riveted into their old inferior position and have become pro-Republican because the Republican constitution guarantees them equality.

The coming conflict in Bali, then, seems to be that between the pro-Dutch, feudalistic Rajahs and the pro-Republican nationalists, many of them democratic or socialistic in their outlook. If need not, necessarily result in a reopening of armed conflict or violent political tension. Some of the Rajahs can see the future and accommodate themselves to it. Thus, it was the Rajah of Gianyar, as Premier of East Indonesia, who supported the sending of a "Goodwill Mission" from East Indonesia to the Republic of Indonesia. As a result the pro-Republican nationalists in East Indonesia came to regard East Indonesia, which had been established under Dutch supervision, as less of a puppet state and are willing to work with it.

### Wide Support

Furthermore, support for nationalism in Bali has been wide enough to cut into some of the families of the Rajahs. Although all the Rajahs except that of Jembrana have sided with the Dutch, sometimes their young sons have had other feelings. At least two Rajah's sons have been imprisoned for supporting the nationalist guerillas. Perhaps nationalist pressure will bring these members of the Rajahs' families to the fore.

Of course, in Bali, these political conflicts still effect only very narrow strata of the population: the few Dutch officials and army officers, the Rajahs and their families and the educated people—and particularly the youth. Most Balinese peasants are unconcerned with politics and although they have had their houses burned down and suffered in other ways from the last three years of turbulence they pay surprisingly little attention to it.

For most, the world is alright if there is enough food and fun. The average Balinese male is far less interested in the performance of his political representative than in the performance of his fighting cock. This attitude is illustrated by an argument between the Swiss painter Theo Meier and an old priest friend of his. Meier was skeptical about the fierceness of an old battle which occurred a half-century ago. "What do you mean it wasn't fierce," expostulated the old man, "why it was so serious that we stopped the cock-fights for two weeks!"

It has become a training-school for the Women of Tomorrow, ruled over by two mincing dragonesses (they combine the worst features of the modern educationist and the old-fashioned seaside landlady) and haunted by an aged scientist who, with his scapegrace granddaughter, a somewhat weak-witted and slightly disreputable young woman, inhabits a remote cottage somewhere down an avenue.

The dragonesses covet his cottage—it will do nicely, they consider, for the man who stokes the boilers; and during the day and evening described in this book we watch his struggles and anxieties, and the ferment and excitement of the youthful lives around him.

The novel is a tragedy-comedy of youth and age. Henry Green (who writes under an assumed name and, so far as I know, is the only successful contemporary business man to have won renown in fiction) is a storyteller of unusual merit, with several obvious shortcomings.

His gift of suggesting a character and creating an atmosphere entitles him to high respect. On the other hand, the various sections of his story appear often strangely unrelated; his narrative runs into patches of fog; he cunningly evokes a feeling of suspense, but we are still in suspense—our tongues hanging out for a solution—by the time we reach his last page....

If you appreciate originality and are not afraid of eccentricity, "Concluding," nevertheless, is a book I recommend to you.

### Bird And Beast

For more conservative tastes there is "The Phasian Bird."

Provided you can stomach the literary convention by which wild animals bear romantic names—though in this instance they are not credited with almost human thoughts and feelings—you will enjoy Henry Williamson's pheasants and partridges, geese and hares and game cocks. For he has an enviable descriptive gift, and writes of English fields and woodlands with the sober passion of a working farmer.

Finally, a delightful travel book, George Millar, author of those fascinating fragments of war-time autobiography "Maquis" and "Horned Pigeon," here tells of a journey with his wife along the canals and rivers of France, out into the Mediterranean, and around the toe of Italy as far as the Aegean Islands.

It is an amusing and engaging record. "Isabel and the Sea" divide our attention. Isabel hated the sea as she saw it from the deck of a small yacht slithering through a hurricane; and the sea, with its customary malevolence, was by no means kind to Isabel.

George Millar writes of them both with affection.

## QUICK LOOKS

Theseus, by Andre Gride. Translated by John Russell. (Horizon, 7s. 6d.)

The greatest living French writer gives his personal interpretation of the ancient legend of Theseus and the Minotaur, hinting at new meanings, investing it with a new and unexpected poetry. Translated by John Russell into smooth colloquial English.

Europe With Baedeker, by Edmund Wilson. (Secker and Warburg, 15s.)

Edmund Wilson is a well-known American writer and distinguished literary critic—witness such books as "The Wound and the Bow" and "To the Fin-hates us! One might almost suspect that some personal grievance gnawed at his mind." But, heavens, how he him.... The English, he says, are snobbish, cunning, immature, and display, young and old, a voracious appetite for property. His criticisms would be more

## Eisenhower Story Raises A Storm

General Eisenhower's inside story of the war, "Crusade in Europe," just published as a book in America has aroused the greatest controversy of any literary work of modern times.

The book will not be published in Britain until next year, but is meanwhile being serialised exclusively in the "China Mail."

Appearance of the book in America has led to many of the general's statements and conclusions being hotly contested and criticised in a way that has startled millions of Americans.

### 'Won By U.S.'

Among British writers taking a sharply-critical view has been the Military Correspondent of the "Sunday Times," who has declared:

One is forced to the conclusion that General Eisenhower considers that the war was really won by America, that every American view was right, every British idea wrong.... Though he has many charming things to say about them, nevertheless hardly any British leader escapes his censure....

### Chilly Praise

Writing in the "Sunday Pictorial," Douglas Wirth has expressed this view:

Too many passages develop into a justification that, time and again, he overrode British plans and demands. And the extravagance of the bouquets he hands to some of the American generals is in strange contrast to the chilly praise with which he so nearly damns Montgomery.

The "Daily Graphic" has described the book as "likely to prove the most controversial book of the year."

The "Daily Express" has observed: The 1944 dispute is stirred up again between the Eisenhower plan for advance in Germany on a broad front and Montgomery's conception of a sharp thrust through the Low Countries.

### Forthright

General Lord Ismay, who was Chief of Staff to the Minister of Defence from 1940 to 1946, has written in the "Daily Telegraph."

General Eisenhower was always ready to state his opinion forthrightly and honestly; but he is the last man to expect everyone to agree with him in everything that he has written in his book. Nor is it difficult to find bones of contention.... No one who really knows the man could entertain for a single moment the idea that he had any intention of belittling the British effort.

Readers of the China Mail are in the unique position of being able to read day by day, just what General Eisenhower has written and of thus being able to consider the Eisenhower controversy against the background of the full Eisenhower story.

(ANOTHER INSTALLMENT OF GENERAL EISENHOWER'S OWN STORY OF THE WAR WILL APPEAR TOMORROW.)

penetrating if his dislike were less immoderate.

Dark Wanton, by Peter Cheyney. (Collins, 8s. 6d.)

Another explosive Cheyney cocktail, compounded of beauty, fashion, violence and international espionage. Mr. Quayle, whom I am always glad to meet, makes a striking reappearance. Devil Take the Blue Tail Fly, by J. F.

Bardin. (Gollancz, 8s. 6d.)  
Three-star thriller by a master of the business.



# SUNDAY HERALD MAGAZINE SECTION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1948.

## BALI: BETWEEN TERRORISM AND TOURISM

Bali is now in the troubled interlude between terrorism and tourism. The days of fear and firing are over. But the days of peace and plenty have not quite returned.

The portion of the feminine anatomy which the Balinese women customarily cover is not as well covered as before the war. Cloth is in short supply and prices are too high. Tida ada, the local equivalent for "out of stock" is frequently used around the bazaars of Bali when it comes to talking about imported goods. And many of the things which are available are only to be had at blackmarket prices. At the tiny Chinese tokos (shops) an ordinary roll of Kodak film for example, costs 12,50 guilders, which equals U.S. \$5 at the legal rate or \$1.25 at the illegal rate of exchange.

It is a sign of the times that if you want to buy a bottle of brom, the delectable and powerful local decoction, you have to pay twice as much if you are paying in paper currency than if you are paying in silver. The Balinese prefer silver so strongly because they

performance of a troupe of Balinese dancers and buying curios at three times their normal price from crowds of persuasive salesmen.

To the ordinary Balinese this short-order invasion of tourists was an inexplicable curiosity which he tolerated

By

Andrew Roth

and didn't understand. The Balinese never willingly leave their lovely island and one old Balinese woman, shaking her head at the antics of the one-day tourists, said that surely the foreigners must have done something

There are many magical things about Bali and not the least is the way people spring out of the ground when the word spreads in the smallest out-of-the-way dessa (village) that there is a visitor about. Villagers from young toddlers to toothless old men turn up with their own paintings and bits of coconut wood, stone and bone they have carved. To the visitor who has seen how handicrafts have declined all over the East—with a few exceptions such as Kashmir—the skill and popularity of the handicrafts in Bali must remain an unending source of wonder. It is necessary to see the Balinese peasants at their artistic work after a day in the fields in order to believe it.

Visitors who visit Bali now find the Dutch even less in Balinese life and now, outside of the army there are very few civil officials. The senior officer is the Dutch Resident, who is appointed by the Netherlands Indies government in Batavia but owes allegiance to the government of East Indonesia at Macassar, headed by Premier Anak Agung Gde Agung, Rajah of the Balinese state of Gianyar. There are also several Dutch advisers attached to the Rajahs, at their request.

Some Dutch officials, like the Resident, are old colonial types. For example, he has banned almost all of the nationalist papers from Bali even though the NEI government permits them in Batavia and even banned one issue of the Dutch-edited newspaper of the State of East Indonesia. But some of the young Dutch officials such as Dr. Hans Snellemans, who has been asked to stay on by the Rajah of Karang-Assem, are very intelligent and progressive-minded.

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Pollok, wife of the Belgian painter, La Malueur, who has settled in Bali.



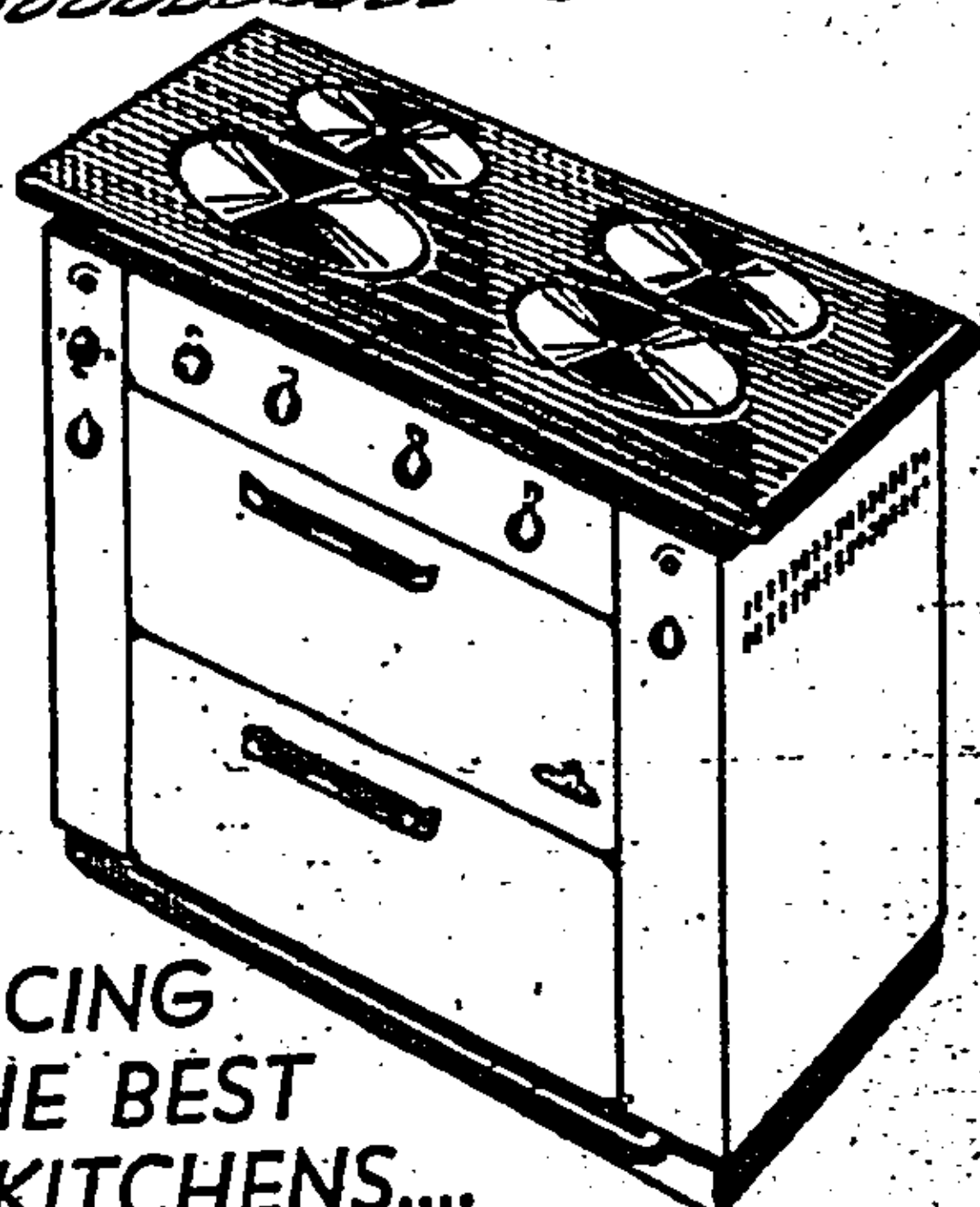
Women carrying elaborately decorated food offerings to the temple at Selat, Bali.

can bury it in the ground in troublous times.

The curio-shop owners and others are hoping that Bali's economic situation will soon be improved by the return of that strange character the "round-the-world-tourist." Every winter before the war half-a-dozen cruises deposited some 1,500 hurrying tourists, largely Americans, who attempted to "do Bali" in a day. This meant eating lunch at the swank Bali Hotel, watching the specially-arranged

wrong at home that forced them to leave their own lands.

Until the cruise ships deluge the island with their dollar-happy passengers, Balinese merchants and hotel-keepers are sharpening their teeth on the steady trickle of visitors from Java: delegates and staff members of the UN's Good Offices Committee, itinerant journalists, travelling diplomats and commercial representatives who manage to squeeze a week on Bali into their schedules.



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3. By a show of hands outlaw statesmanship, and make it a criminal offence punishable by euthanasia for any statesman to accept public office.

4. Buy one large round table, 12 chairs, 12 glasses.

5. Buy one bottle of gin, one bottle of whisky, one bottle of vodka, one bottle of French vermouth, one cask of beer, 12 sausage rolls, one cake.

6. Select at random from among the nations five char-ladies, five dustmen, two interpreters.

7. Sit them round the table and leave them to settle their differences, if any.

From statistics which we have gathered patiently in the inns and bistros over the years we estimate that it would take them something less than one hour 14 minutes to reach the singing stage and perhaps another 15 minutes at the most to achieve world peace and total disarmament.

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### Personal Column

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### NEWS QUIZ

1. A heavy earthquake made a pregnant elephant have a miscarriage. Where?
2. A young leopard was shot near Shataukok, weighing how much?
3. Combined Services operations were held throughout Hong Kong. What was the exercise called?
4. One of the worst maritime disasters in history occurred at the Yangtse, it being estimated that over 3,000 passengers and crew were drowned? What was the vessel's name and where was she going?
5. The U.S. Supreme Court caused a sensation by agreeing to hear an appeal from the International War Crimes Trial in Tokyo. The voting was four in favour and four against. Who gave the deciding fifth vote?
6. General Marshall had an operation. For what?

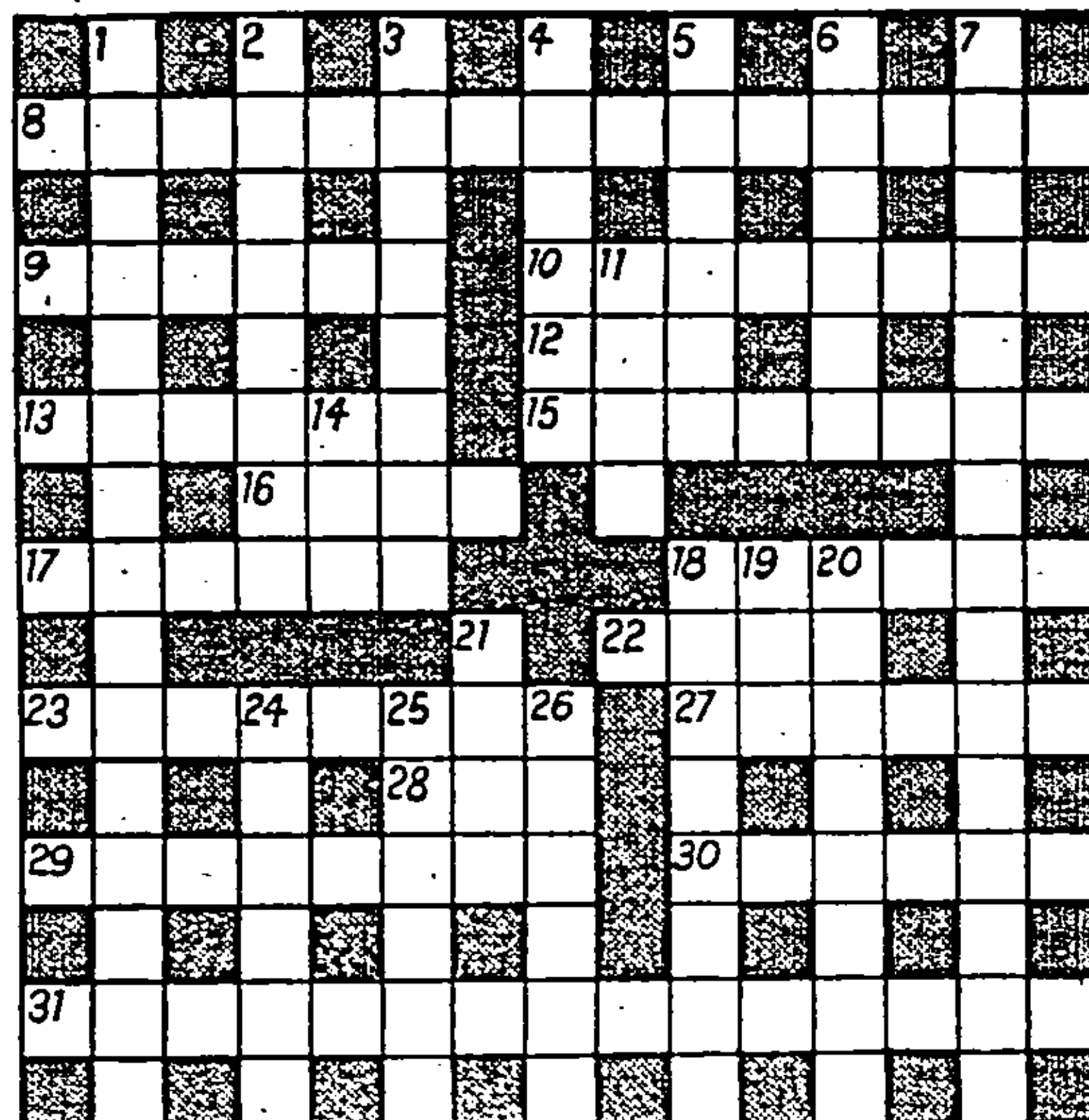
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### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. The Flying Scotsman has an unbroken record of departure from King's Cross each day for over 84 years. It travels non-stop to Edinburgh in 7 hours. What time does it leave London?
2. Which is the world's slowest train?
3. What were the British Commonwealth war casualties and what number came from the United Kingdom?
4. How many Red Indians are there in Canada, approximately?
5. When was the first census taken in the British Isles?
6. Do you know the extent of Britain's holdings in the Suez Canal and their value?
7. Which would you say is the longest river in Britain. The Severn or the Thames?
8. Who discovered Newfoundland. Britain's oldest colony?

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### ACROSS

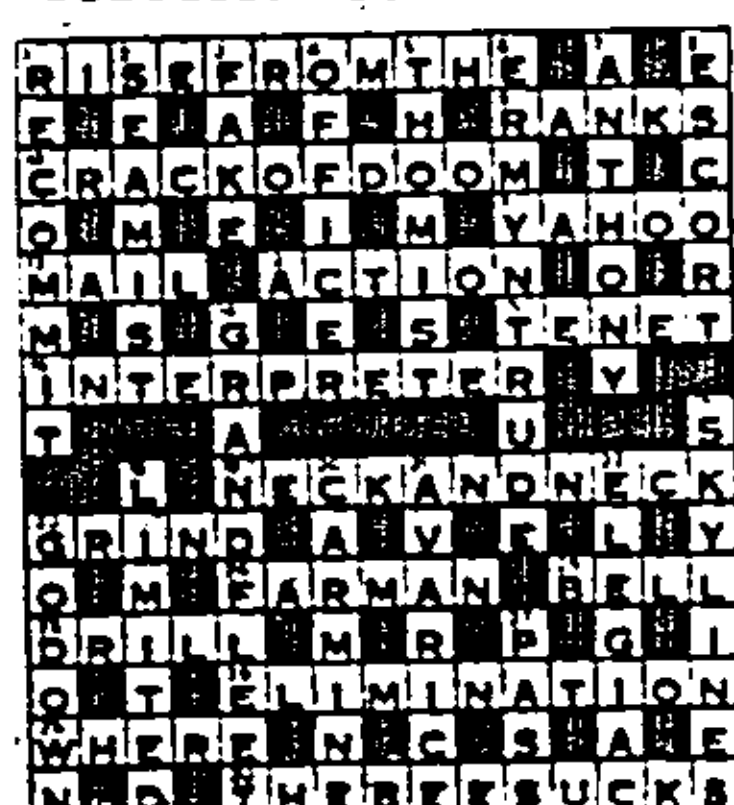
- 8 Modern dream of Spanish castles. (7, 8)
- 9 No one at home when the tenth wicket fell. (3, 3)
- 10 180 deg. on tap. (4, 4)
- 12 This minister should be at home in his office. (3)
- 13 There is one in London for pictures. (6)
- 15 Unhorsing? (8)
- 16 Ne'er a bird is seen. (4)
- 17 In which to find "The Flowers of the Forest"? (6)
- 18 In this, if you have no pull, you will have to put your oar in. (6)
- 22 European red-head. (4)

- 22 Candle wax is all right inside, but finish with it. (8)
- 27 A fool turns 19 in order to help. (6)
- 28 Trains do, according to the timetable. (3)
- 29 Burly Pat got reformed in a very sudden way. (8)
- 30 A mere G.I. could turn out this government. (6)
- 31 Moving example of blowing one's own cornet, as it were. (4, 2, 3, 3, 3)

### DOWN

- 1 Just William's unavoidable attachment. (6, 9)
- 2 Gravely attired. (8)
- 3 Disturbances in courts. (8)
- 4 Acidly depicted. (6)
- 5 You could not say that the race-horse wasn't so dusty. (6)
- 6 Figured it out, perhaps, in wintry weather. (6)
- 7 Basis of democratic government. (15)
- 11 The Dane is not a Hamlet, but a town. (4)
- 14 This land for cross-country race? (3)
- 18 Denunciation that our ancestors did with woad? (8)
- 19 With the band come the brigands. (3)
- 20 Suitable bouquets to present to Col. Chintstrap? (8)
- 21 Always a-miss. (4)
- 24 Essen-tial German industry in the war. (6)
- 25 Emphatically declares a Preference. (6)
- 26 Not only making the attempt, but also making a score. (6)

### SOLUTION TO No. 85



## BRIDGE

### Rules For Club Procedure

Most players use club cardrooms and should therefore have some knowledge of club procedure. The former laws were more explicit on this procedure, but it is now more fully realised that rules on club procedure (which may vary in different clubs) are really a matter for the club itself. Nevertheless, the American edition of the new laws does include a summary of Rules for Club Procedure which have proved "satisfactory."

These concern the formation of a table. In this connection the most interesting feature in the recent changes in the laws is the fact that "a complete table" is no longer a matter of law. The laws direct (a) that the four players who draw the highest cards play first (the two highest against the two lowest); and (b) that the player with the highest card chooses seats and cards, and deals.

The rest is a matter for club procedure which should define (a) who is a "member" of a table, (b) whether a table is complete with six members, in which case new applicants can be refused entry (c) whether a seventh player can be a member when there are only seven player available, (d) priority of membership given to a new entrant over waiting players.

In connection with this priority there is a delicate situation which should be clarified. A new entrant arrives just after the four players have drawn cards (at the conclusion of a rubber) to see who is out and before the draw for partners (in the new rubber) with the two waiting members. The table is clearly made up when cards have been drawn to see who goes out to make room for the incoming members. The new entrant is too late to upset the formation of the table.

Another matter for a rule: if a member breaks up a table he should be the last of the four to enter a new table.

In many cardrooms it is usual to have "corners." A rule is needed on these bets. They should be either a multiple of the stake played or a fixed sum which is not too big compared with the stake.



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## MY TRUE SHORT STORY

ADVENTURE IN  
NEW YORK

Peter and Henry feel that there must be some moral in the story they tell about their recent trip to New York. But they haven't yet decided what it is. The story begins after the last of a series of New York parties. Like this:

"It's a quarter of eleven," said their American host obligingly. "How about another Scotch?"

"Good heavens!" exclaimed Henry. "How frightful!"

"No," thanks awfully," said Peter hurriedly, "we simply must be off. We are flying back to England tomorrow, and the whole fortnight we've been in New York we've neither of us exchanged more than the odd word with the people who are putting us up. We promised to be back early tonight."

"Treated my hostess just like an idiot!"

"When do they live?" "Long Island. And it was so kind of them to take us in with the shimmest introduction from fellow-Americans to whom, as I remember it, we were very off-hand. It saved us \$12 a day on hotels. Couldn't have made it on the \$35 else."

"Do you have an automobile?" "No, we'll take a taxi. If we pool these last dollars of ours, Henry."

"Why, Ellie and I wouldn't hear of it. Call the garage, Ellie. We would be just delighted to drive you over."

## Tripped In Garden

It was all part of the traditional American kindness. They protested politely but accepted the offer.

As they joined the rolling stream of yellow cabs and dollar-gum motor-cars which sped up Park Avenue between the high walls of the richest blocks of flats in the world, animated with lights like a Christmas tree, Peter and Henry's consciences were tugging like anything.

"What on earth will they think of us?" they wondered as they turned on to the giant span of the Triborough Bridge.

"What on earth will they think?" They have been so busy having a good time in New York one invitation leads to another—the social pressure has been too great.

Long Island at last. Splendid white houses among the woods and near the sea—the homes of the really rich New Yorkers. There were no lights in the windows of the house where Peter was staying. He said good-bye and thanks for the evening's party in hoarse whispers, and the car drove off to drop Henry at the place he was staying near by. Peter was horrified to discover he had forgotten the front-door

key. He tiptoed round to the back of the house, hoping to find a kitchen door open. He tripped headlong over the handle of a garden roller and fell full length, stifling a cry of pain. Whatever happened, he mustn't wake them up.

## All Doors Locked

The back doors were all locked. He would spend the night on the veranda near the swimming pool rather than wake them up. The garden chairs had been taken indoors. All that remained was a long glass table. He determined now to martyr himself to the cause of politeness and spend the night on that.

It was only a few minutes later that a police car arrived at great speed in answer to a frenzied call from Peter's hostess, who reported sounds of burglars near her hotel.

By  
Jenny Nicholson

swimming pool. As the police ran into the garden there was a sickening crash, and they found Peter lying stunned among the smithereens of the glass table. Although Peter's hostess, who appeared in a pink satin "wrapper," was "just darling" about the whole foolish episode, there was clearly nothing that Peter could have said which would have made it all right. He slunk miserably upstairs and passed a restless night.

The airport limousine called for him at six o'clock on a fine summer's morning. His ankle was clearly sprained, his head pounded with the effects of last night's Scotch, he was covered in painful cuts, and he was feeling ashamed of the inadequacy of the thank-you note which he had left on the hall table for his still-sleeping hostess. He was feeling dreadful.

## Smell Of Burning

The limousine pulled up outside the house where Henry was staying—a pretty white wooden house. The front door was open. A sun stood outside. There was a strong smell of burning, which grew stronger as Peter limped upstairs to help Henry down with his bags.

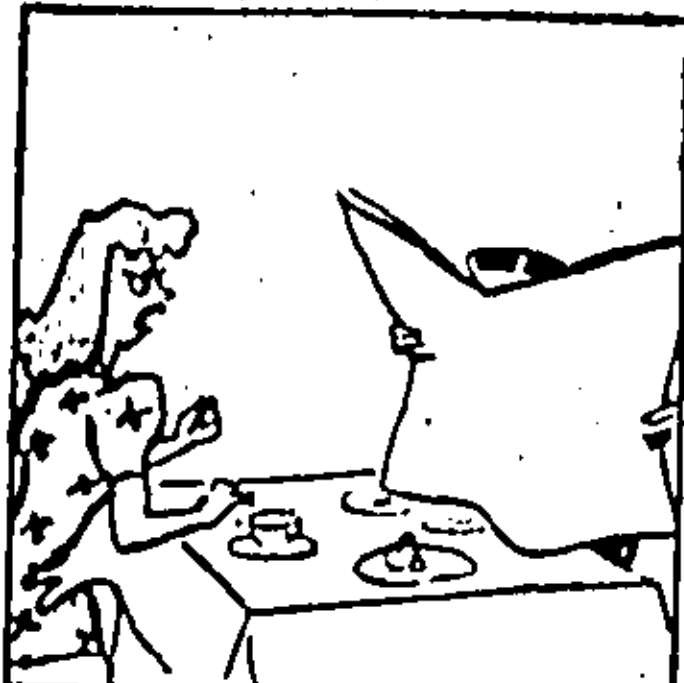
To Peter's confusion and surprise, Henry was lying on the floor in a tangle of blankets, as if he had fallen out of bed. His hands were bandaged. A small man with an open black bag at his side was crouching over him, muttering soothingly.

He turned as Peter came in. "He'll be all right—after a few days in bed."

Peter reacted with dull panics. "But we're on our way to La Guardia field. Our plane for England leaves in an hour and a half. We've simply got to catch it!"

## 'Farewell Party'

In his anxiety that they should both catch the plane—his confused brain floundered with desperate determination but the essentials—Peter clean forgot to ask the little man what was wrong with Henry. His bags were packed,

BOY MEETS  
GIRL

thank heaven, and the chauffeur helped him struggle downstairs with the heavy body.

As they drove away Peter noticed, without interest, that clouds of smoke were curling up from the flowerbed which lay directly beside the wooden foundations of the house.

It wasn't until they were both slumped on the scarlet leather benches of the airfield waiting-room that he brought himself to ask Henry what had happened. Henry, who had temporarily stopped groaning, managed to relate the story in spasms:

"They were waiting up for me. A farewell party for me going on. Gin rummy. Didn't get up stairs to pack till 4.30. Fell asleep with cigarette in my hand. Must've let it fall on the other bed. Woke up. Found the bed alight. Couldn't wake everybody up. Had to deal with it myself. I mean to say—last hotel. Picked up bedclothes—flames and all—and flung them out of window. Hands burnt. Called doctor. Must have passed out..."

"Good Lord!" Peter sprang to his feet with a cry of terrible distress. He stumbled painfully over to a telephone kiosk, rumbling for a nickel as he went.

## 'House On Fire!'

He got through, to the place where Henry had been staying. "Yeah?" the thick sleepy voice of the host answered at last.

"I say, terribly sorry to wake you at this unearthly hour—but can you smell burning?"

"How's that again?" "BOAC announces the departure of its flight 502 for Grandeur, Shannon, and London..." echoed from the loud-speakers.

"Do you smell burning?" "Why—yes. Why, yes, I sure do. Why?"

"Oh, dear—I simply can't tell you how sorry I am. But I think your house is on fire!"

THOUSANDS. SUFFER FROM INSOMNIA. THE PROCESS OF GETTING SLEEP IS HERE DESCRIBED IN A POPULAR WAY.

THE 'MYSTERY' OF  
SLEEP

Sleeplessness nowadays is a very prevalent complaint all over the world. The reason is partly that sleep is something of a mystery to most people, and it will therefore be useful to conduct a brief enquiry into the subject—useful even to those who do not yet suffer from sleeplessness.

How and why do we get sleepy? What makes us yawn? How do we fall asleep? And what happens while we are asleep?

Mr. Bright, as we shall call our normal person, wakes up at 7 a.m. He thinks that he does so all at once, but actually the process takes place by instalments, so to speak. The brain, the Boss of the organism, "switches on the light" first. Next comes the sense of sight (even if Mr. Bright does not open his eyes), then the senses of hearing, smell, taste and touch, in that order.

Mr. Bright thinks that he has done no work as yet, but actually the above very simple and effortless performances entail a veritable torando of activity, so far as the millions of cells constituting his body are concerned. From the moment Mr. Bright opens his eyes, all the thousands of millions of cells constituting his body leap into the

fray. The nerve cells alone are estimated to number twelve thousand millions, and every one of them is a worker.

It would take a whole library of books to describe what all the different kinds of cells do during this waking hours, but here is just one example. As our Mr. Bright sits down to his breakfast, the many millions of cells constituting his sense of smell jump to attention at the smell of coffee and buttered toast. At the same time the glands start pumping and pouring salivary juices into

By  
Lawrence Wolfe

the mouth, ready to mix with the food that Mr. Bright is about to eat.

## Nerve Cells Tire

Throughout the day, the cells perform hundreds of other jobs. As our man finishes his lunch, thousands of cells at his place of work, reads and writes letters, makes phone calls, discusses, persuades, laughs, eats his lunch and so on, those thousands of millions of "workers" never let him down. Somewhere around 4 o'clock Mr. Bright begins to feel tired—tired, but not yet sleepy. His sight and hearing are not quite so acute, his brain not quite so keen as earlier in the day. What happens is that the nerve cells, which have been working far harder than Mr. Bright himself, are beginning to feel the strain. These cells are somewhat in the same position as factory workers, toiling under the constant supervision of the Manager. The Manager in this case is of course the brain. If this Manager only turned his back for a moment that is, if Mr. Bright took forty winks at this stage, the nerve cells would relax and refresh themselves no end.

But he cannot or will not do that, and from now on the cells begin to accumulate fatigue poisons at an accelerating rate. While the "Manager"—the brain—is awake, and even when the man himself is at rest, the nerve cells have to work so hard that after a number of hours they are unable either to feed in peace or to eliminate in peace. In consequence, the entire apparatus of the cell is poisoned with the waste matter which it is prevented from discharging, because it is only during sleep that these poisons can be eliminated.

## Gasp For Air

So this is how you get sleepy. At this stage the strength of the heart and the blood vessels is im-

paired, the passage of the blood through the lungs is encumbered, and you must yawn—sort of gasp for air. If you are a reasonable fellow and go to bed, you soon fall asleep, again by instalments, the order of waking being reversed. The sense of smell goes first, closely followed by the sense of taste. Then the sense of touch is "lost" and you cease to hear the normal sounds of your environment. Finally, your eyeballs turn "inside out" and the brain "switches off". You are asleep.

You are not unconscious, only in a state of diminished consciousness. Unless you are a very heavy sleeper, you would still be awakened by an unusual noise, a bright light or contact with a hard, cold or hot object. This means that, to some degree, your senses are still awake. At the same time, the "Manager", the brain, is sufficiently out of the way for the nerve cells to relax. They can attend to their own affairs without any outside jobs of seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling and touching, to say nothing of thinking. The process of digestion is slowed down, the blood circulation has quickened to a leisurely flow, breathing is steady and the muscles are relaxed. Even your hair and finger nails grow more slowly. In a word, the cells have every opportunity to renew themselves, get rid of the fatigue poisons, and get ready for the next period of wakefulness.

## Different Matter

But if you delay going to bed. That is a very different matter. Your proper bedtime is always fixed by nature: it is when your nerve cells demand sleep. If you deny it to them, they become over-stimulated, and when you do go to bed, you must first deal with this extra stimulation before you can fall asleep. And the more often this happens, the greater the over-stimulation, and the more difficult it becomes to attain restful sleep. Of course, insomnia may often be due to causes over which the sufferer has no control. For example, many people today are unable to sleep from anxiety over the state of the world. But even they might benefit if they took to heart the reproach levelled by a certain doctor at an insomnia patient: "You can't sleep from worry over the state of the world? Why, man, you're trying to do the Almighty out of a job!"

SCOTLAND YARD  
CHECKS PAPERS

The Hague, December 10. New Albanian documents on the mining of two British destroyers in the Corfu Channel in 1946 were examined by two Scotland Yard fingerprint and photographic officers, brought to Holland to test their authenticity. It was stated authoritatively here today.

The officers, Superintendent Fred Cherrill, chief of Scotland Yard's Fingerprint Department, and Detective Sergeant Salter, of the Photographic Department, returned to London yesterday.

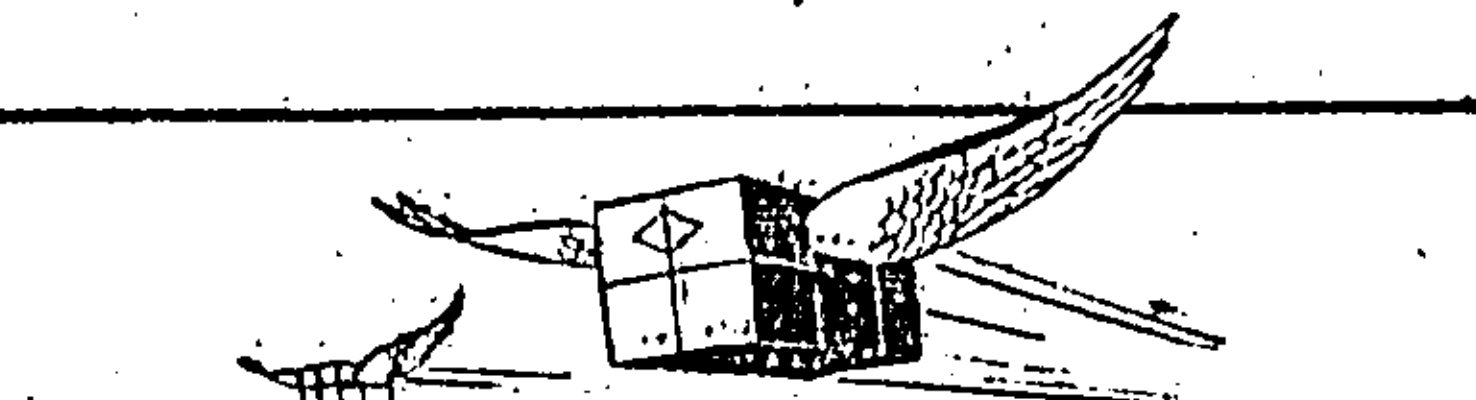
They had talks with Sir Frank Soskice, the Solicitor General, and Sir Eric Beckett, chief adviser to the Foreign Office, on the Corfu case before the International Court here.

The new documents had been produced by the Albanians as "originals" after the Court had decided that only original documents could be admitted in evidence.

Press reports linking the visit of the Scotland Yard's experts with a secret report which Britain claimed was stolen and faked by Albania were officially described as sheer nonsense. —Reuter.

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### MARRIAGE

**KOTEWALL-CHOA**--The marriage of Malsie, daughter of Sir Robert Kotewall, and Dr. George Choa, son of Mrs. Choa Po Sien, will take place at St. Joseph's Church on the 27th December at 10 a.m. A reception will follow at the Hong Kong Hotel at 10.30 a.m. All friends are cordially invited.

### HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI

Admiral Badger's cautious worded statement in which he did not exclude the possibility of landing Marines to protect American lives and "within the limits of reason and feasibility, America's primary interests," will afford some reassurance to foreign residents of Shanghai although it does nothing to clarify Washington policy, except in a negative fashion. British residents of Shanghai, who have complained bitterly that there has been no corresponding gesture towards the protection of British interests by the Labour Government, may feel themselves in somewhat better heart as the result of the statement. Their emergency plans run on very similar lines to those of the United States. British nationals would concentrate at pre-arranged centres, be transferred to refuge aboard British vessels, and there await further developments, possibly permitting their return once the shouting and tumult had died down, or that being impossible, calling for their departure for Hong Kong. Obviously, in the event of the extreme loss of control by the Shanghai authorities and the grave civil turmoil envisaged by Admiral Badger as justifying the landing of American marines, British naval vessels lying in Shanghai could not ignore the imperiment of British citizens but would send rescue parties with equal speed. Mr. Bevin's refusal to consider the despatch of British troops from Hong Kong will be readily understood. In the first place, it would represent a provocative initiative which could be disastrous in the absence of the fullest agreement both with the Chinese Government and the United States. Secondly, Hong Kong's garrison has been reduced to the slimmest proportions which the pending arrival of fresh contingents of Gurkhas will not by any means fully remedy. And thirdly, it is quite clear from the debate in the House of Commons that Cabinet and Parliament are more exercised by the problem of Hong Kong's preservation than by the immediate consequences of a compulsory evacuation of Shanghai. It is curious that, in the matter of jitters, far more panic about Hong Kong is shown in London than locally, though that may not mean necessarily that those who observe from afar do not see more clearly. This Colony does not always have its head in the sand, but it is inclined to be myopic. Acquaintance with the facts, however, rather suggests that there is as much party politics as genuine apprehension in the Parliamentary discussions. It is feasible that the Communists could sweep through the Nationalists and take Shanghai within a month or six weeks. It is highly unlikely that they could offer grave menace to Hong Kong, internally or externally, within six months. Then, too, the whole worrying business could yet prove to be a premature alarm. After all, it is only a month since a sudden change in the military strategy of the Communists found them taking possession of large towns and continuing in occupation. Tsinan, Zibo, and Changshu have

# THE LESSON NOT LEARNED

Britain came within an ace of being conquered in 1940, and why? Because the Government in office during the rise of Hitler have expanded sufficiently, or in time, the armed forces. Never was there a plainer lesson; but have we learned it? While British troops in Berlin remain blockaded and Russia continues to disarm France by means of strikes and armistices, what are we doing to provide the personnel and material which we should instantly need if at any moment the aggressor Power turned her "cold" was into a hot one?

The Government are not, and could not be, unaware of the challenge, and they have taken certain steps. They have signed the Brussels Pact with France and the Benelux countries, and they are working towards a North Atlantic alliance, to include the United States and Canada, and ideally also Portugal, Denmark and Norway. But none of these steps can dispense us from strengthening our own defences. If the countries of Western Europe are to be saved from the fate to which nearly all the countries of Central and South-Eastern Europe have succumbed, they must be combined in order to defend themselves. But the core of the combination must move to the Great Britain and the West Europeans look to her and the United States, not merely (as in the last war) to expel at long last the invading aggressor, but to help effectively to repel invasion.

Defence is still a many-sided affair, and no one of the three Services can be safely neglected. Take, for instance, the Navy. Some argue that, because the only large all-round Navy besides our own is the American, we could afford to remit effort here. Yet in each of the world wars we were brought close to ruin at sea, not by an all-round Navy, but by submarines. It is true that in both cases we just managed to turn the corner; but it is also true that, if certain Dutch-German submarine improvements had come into use in time, we might not in the second war have done so. These inventions, which have revolutionised the speed at

### Many Sided

which submarines can move under water, are now used by the Russians; and they are believed to have built a large submarine fleet. But, while we can safely neglect no Service, there must be priorities between them. In the recent House of Lords debate, to which Lord Trenchard, Lord Portal and Lord Templewood made notable contributions, it was sought to assert a general

### By Scrutator

priority for the Air Force. All these speakers claimed that an overwhelming Western Air Force with Western science behind it was the best deterrent to Russian aggression and the best answer to the vast man-power of the Russian Army. They have the weight of the argument on their side. The total contribution made by the air to our victory in the last war—adding together the work of the fighters, of the long-distance bombers, of the army command, and of the Navy's aircraft—has never been adequately grasped by the public at large, nor given sufficient weight by the Government in the formulation of post-war policy.

But that does not mean that the Army can be dispensed with. One of the recurring lessons of the last war was the importance of armies for attacking and defending air bases. Thus our Air Force, though by then immensely strong, could never stop the V-weapons, but only hamper and restrict them; whereas the Army, by occupying their bases, ended them outright.

### Fatal Blow

We want, in short, high efficiency plus adequate numbers in all three Services, and today we have neither. A fatal blow to the prospects of both was the Government's surrender to its backbenchers in 1946 over the period of compulsory service. The reduction from 18 months to 12 upset the fundamental balance

between training and serving. During the first year a soldier is being trained; he does not add to fighting strength, but lessens it since men must be taken from the fighting ranks to train him. Thereafter he is a soldier and available for use; he gives value for the time spent on his training.

Tardily recognising this, the Government has brought in a Bill to extend the 12 months to 18—at the same time, by way of a sop, reducing the period of service in the reserve from five-and-a-half years to three-and-a-half. The immediate needs of the Army should thus be met, but not those of the Air Force, which for many of its men needs 18 months too short. Lord Portal had a suggestion for that which deserves consideration.

But a further problem confronts all three Services—the problem of officers. For peacetime forces, which at any moment may need to be expanded quickly, large cadres of long-service officers and N.C.O.s are indispensable. Since the war we have lost them. Officers are still going out of the Services faster than they come in. Much of the explanation is economic; the rise in prices since 1946 not having been balanced in any way, officers with families are finding it very difficult to live.

### Inadequate

To this the Government's reaction is altogether inadequate. Recently, the end of a list of increases for other ranks, Mr. Alexander announced two small concessions to married officers. If they are housed in married quarters they are to get 3s. a day extra marriage allowance, and, if not, 6s. As both grants are liable to income-tax, the net increments are pitiful, but further reduced by the disappearance of the "supplementary marriage allowance" introduced in 1946. Meanwhile any increase in basic pay is expressly refused, and the reactionary post-war withdrawal of the war-time allowances for extra children is unwisely maintained. Shortages could scarcely be more short-sighted.

# MEN, WOMEN AND MEMORIES

### By ATTICUS

Few people outside Court circles can appreciate the incessant and severe strain to which the King is subjected, and even at the Court itself there were many to whom the announcement of his illness came as a shock. Happily His Majesty has a strong constitution, on many occasions his equerries have had cause to wonder at the vitality and fitness which have carried him through the most arduous day's programme without any apparent trace of fatigue.

An instance which comes readily to mind was his visit to Italy in 1944 to see his armies and inspect the vast fleet massing for the invasion of Southern France. During 10 days he travelled great distances by road, with the desire ever present in his mind that he should see and be seen by the greatest possible number of fighting men.

Road surfaces were bad, and escorting vehicles threw up dense clouds of choking dust. This and the sudden heat of an Italian summer provided no small ordeal for the small party from England. Group-Captain E. H. Fielder, Colonel the Hon. Sir Piers Legat, the victim to "Gippy tummy"; and at the end even Sir Eric Merville succumbed. At the finish the only member of the party 100 per cent fit was the King himself, and on his last night in Italy, when he dined with the Admirals of the Mediterranean Fleet in the historic villa which Sir William Hamilton had bought for Emma nearly 150 years before, he was still at the top of his form.

**Recipe For A Putsch**  
Authoritative books on life in the satellite countries are now beginning to appear. Mr. Mikolajczyk's account of Poland's tragedy comes out here early next month. Mr. Ripka is making good progress with his story of the Prague Putsch. And now Mr. Nagy, ex-Prime Minister of Hungary, tells in "The Struggle Behind the Iron Curtain" how

gone with Hsuehchow. But the Reds may still hesitate, for the present, about undertaking to handle the complex administrative machine required for the "running" of Shanghai. Reasonable precautions are commendable, but there should be ample warning, to permit of adequate measures before crisis develops. If the real danger comes from within rather than from without, as in all probability it will, from that there is no safeguard beyond external vigilance.

Although during the last couple of years his sight failed and he became subject to distressing fits of fatigue, he retained in a remarkable degree his spirits and his interest in life. It will perhaps comfort those of his friends who latterly did not see him to know how devotedly he was attended by a domestic staff whose devotion he had indeed done much to deserve.

### World's Oldest Newspaper?

Leading British, American and Scandinavian newspapers are being invited to the 200th anniversary of the "Berlingske Tidende," Denmark's leading Conservative newspaper, which claims to be the oldest in continuous existence in the world. It is a great record, but not the greatest. There are older English newspapers, and the "Northampton Mercury" (now the "Northampton Mercury") though by no means

continuously published for more than 228 years. The name of the famous Danish newspaper has nothing to do with Berlin, but is derived from its founder, E. H. Berling. His descendants still own it. The present editor, Mr. Terkel Terkelsen, is well-known in England. During the war he was a most valuable member of the Danish section of the Political Warfare Executive.

The anniversary will be celebrated by a dinner, and those who accept the invitation are not likely to forget the occasion.

### Books For Boys

Since 1945, as the Socialists are never tired of telling us, we have had a revolution in this country. But, as far as books for boys and girls are concerned, conservatism still holds the front view. In a recent tour of provincial book shops I found the old favourites in vast preponderance with Talbot Baines Reed, Louisa M. Alcott, and Percy Westernman well to the fore. Arthur Ransome, of course, is in a class by himself, and in output and perhaps popularity Captain W. E. Johns has few equals.

After a period of years in Norfolk, Arthur Ransome returned some time ago to the Lake District which he knows so well. Captain Johns who is the creator of the well-known "Biggles" series, has done well enough to please one of the best fishing and shooting estates in Strathspire. He writes his books in the winter and fishes and shoots in the spring and summer.

### An E.C.A. Chief Relaxes

When Mr. Thomas Finletter, head of the Economic Co-operation Administration mission in London, was in Washington during the war years he was a great believer in organised games for jaded Embassy officials. Each Sunday afternoon he used to arrange soft-ball matches between teams from the State Department and our own Embassy. At 55 he is still taking vigorous exercise, and on a recent visit to Queen's Club I noticed with admiration that he has taken up "real" tennis. It is sad that so few courts remain in active use; for tennis has a fascination all its own, and I have often found the dactyls at Lord's crowded by vastly intrigued spectators turned away from the cricket by news that Dear, our present champion, or Groom was playing. Mr. Fin-

# THE RED TIDE LAPS SIAM

This sprawling city, Bangkok, a city of canals and Buddhist temples, wide modern avenues and mean little alleys today recalls wartime Lisbon.

Not in physical appearance, but by night-club whisperings then familiar in neutral capitals, and by the steady traffic of suspicious strangers from beyond the borders.

Whatever Siam's history of war-time accord with Japan and her glad seduction by Tokyo's only successful overseas policy—"Asia for the Asiatics"—this country of 18,000,000 is today a friendly, peaceful, if unimpaired, ally of the United States. An ally against encroaching waves of Eastern Communism.

### Swinging Left

Over the Western border is chaotic Burma. East and North are French Indo-China and China itself, both torn by bitter fighting wherein only the Communists seem to gain.

For today, say people just arrived from Indo-China's border provinces, as well as from Saigon, last Eastern stronghold of French colonialism, the Vietnamese, formerly almost wholly Nationalist, are now swinging more leftward with every Communist victory in China.

South of Siam in Malaya, fighting vigorously to quell a pro-Chinese Communist uprising. Still farther Southwards, but still linked by racial ties, are the troubled islands of Indonesia.

Alone, in comparative peace on this sea of postwar strife, Siam's leaders sit uneasily astride their square miles of flourishing ricefields, their tin mines, their tank forests.

Premier, Phibun Songgram, aged 52, who a year ago ousted Field Marshal Plaek Udom, a Paris-trained lawyer and war-time leader of the free Thais whom American agents prompted into

a belated and greatly overrated anti-Japanese underground, frankly confesses the uneasiness.

### 'Not Interested'

Phibun, who isn't concerned about Communists within Siam, told me there weren't more than 20,000 Communists, nearly all of whom are Chinese. Said Phibun: "The Siamese, with the exception of some negligible hundreds, aren't interested in Communism."

Phibun isn't worried about the Russians at present in Siam. He told me: "There are only 50 Russians in the whole of Siam. Forty-two of these are with the Soviet Embassy, but this total includes women and children and all servants, as Russian invariably staffs overseas quarters with her own nationals. The remainder of the 50 are White Russians, including a few dance girls."

Remembering that the Russians issued an information service, Phibun added:

"So as the Americans and British, on a more lavish scale." Referring to overseas reports that Bangkok was the Communist centre for the whole of South-East Asia, he said they were "exaggerated." There are 25 daily newspapers here, mostly moultrie sheets, and nearly all moultrie sheets, for someone, or some political faction.

### All Over Again

Because outward communications are slow not one Anglo-American foreign correspondent is based on Bangkok; only full-time man.

Yet Bangkok is one of the busiest all functions throughout the Far East. Daily, European refugees fly in from Nationalist China; business men en route to Hongkong and Japan; Filipinos landing from American airlines out of Manila; British traders arriving from Burma "to start all over again." Dutchmen stopping for the night on the way to Java; United States officials from Washington, and tourists from California buying crowded brief cases and handbags.

The Siamese are smiling and friendly. But their security police keep close, if unobtrusive, check on visitors, especially Chinese, because it is chiefly the deteriorating situation in China which is causing uneasiness among Siam's leaders.

### If They Weaken?

What will happen to Siam if China's 400,000,000 fall more completely under Communist domination?

Or if French Indo-China, weakened by Communist influence in Paris, and with the Vietnamese strengthened additionally by successive Communist victories in China, enthusiastically embraces the Red Flag, how will this affect Siam?

These are some of the things being pondered here by cafe whippers of all races. In the jungle of local politics, almost as tortuous as Bangkok's traffic, perhaps the most consistent factor is the determination of all classes of Siamese to remain independent. This today has the solid support of Britain and the United States.

Siam is rich in rice, always needed throughout the East. This year 800,000 tons of rice will have been exported and over 1,000,000 tons of the bumper crop now ripening will leave Siam in 1947—unless peace is disturbed.

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# CHURCHILL ASKS ASSURANCE ABOUT HONG KONG DEFENCE

London, December 10.

Mr. Winston Churchill, the Opposition leader, opening the second and last day's debate on foreign affairs in the House of Commons today, said he hoped the Government would make it quite clear that British naval, air and military forces would defend Hong Kong "from all assaults made upon it."

"I cannot conceive any action taken in self-defence will raise the larger issues upon which the balance of European peace depends." This reference came in a brief review of the situation in China where, he said, "the advance of Communism seems to gain momentum every day."

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons in reply to Mr. Churchill's reference to the Colony that it was the Government's intention to maintain their position in Hong Kong.

Mr. Churchill rejoined in the close and effective association between Britain and the United States "because in the ever-closer unity of the English-speaking world lies the main hope of human freedom and the great opportunity and hope of our own survival."

"The United States may well now be prepared to do what they have never before done or dreamed of doing, to give a guarantee to Western Europe against aggression coupled with practical measures of military collaboration. This is a tremendous event," Mr. Churchill declared.

## Labour Attitude

Earlier, Mr. Churchill had accused the Government of being "substantially determined" to keep the European Unity Movement a party preserve. He declared that the Labour Party's attitude to the Movement "has hitherto been far from creditable."

The composition of Britain's delegation to the present Paris Conference in European Unity had been a great shock to powerful elements of European opinion. Mr. Hugh Dalton, the British delegation leader, had been an opponent of European Unity except on Socialist Party lines.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, intervened to say "it was a pity to the appointment of Mr. Dalton because I had absolute confidence in his doing the job."

Mr. Churchill: "A most chilling welcome to a comrade and colleague I have rarely heard."

## Letter To Stalin

Mr. Churchill read to a crowded House of Commons a personal letter he had written to Marshal Stalin when he was Premier in April, 1945.

Mr. Churchill, who was appealing for freedom of the USSR, said he wrote to Premier Stalin: "Side by side with our strong sentiments for the rights of Poland, which I believe is shared in at least as strong a degree by the United States, there has grown up in the English-speaking world a very warm and deep desire to be friendly on equal terms with the mighty Soviet Republic and making allowances for different systems of government, to work with you for the long and bright years which we three powers can make together."

"There is not much comfort in looking to a future where you and the countries you dominate, plus the Communist armies in many other States, are all drawn up on one side and those who rally to the English speaking nations or associate Dominions on the other. It is quite obvious that their quarrel would tear the world to pieces and that all of leading men on either side who had anything to do with that would be shamed before history."

"Even embarking on a long period of suspicious abuse, and counter abuse and opposing policies would be a disaster for us."

## TOKYO PLANS BLOOD BANKS

Tokyo, December 11.

Tokyo University and Japanese Red Cross hospitals in Tokyo are planning blood banks and rigid blood testing regulations to avoid a repetition of transfusion operations earlier this year which resulted in infecting patients with syphilis, it was learned today.

The Municipal Government is at present drawing up an ordinance regulating the selection of blood donors and operation of blood banks.—Reuter.

## TORPEDO STATION APPEAL REJECTED

Berlin, December 10.

General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Military Governor in Germany, and Mr. Paul C. Hoffman, the Marshall Plan Administrator, have both rejected a German appeal against the British demand for the demolition of the former Torpedo research station at Eckenforde on the Baltic coast, it was officially announced today.—Reuter.

## "WHAT IS TO BE SAID ABOUT SPAIN?"

—MR. CHURCHILL

London, December 10.

Mr. Churchill was strongly in favour of reviving Britain's traditional friendship with Italy, "but what is to be said about Spain?", he said in the last day's debates on foreign affairs in the House of Commons today.

No British or Americans were killed by Spaniards and the indirect aid Britain received from Spain throughout the war was of immense service.

He added: "The way in which Hitler and Mussolini were treated by Franco is a monumental example of ingratitude." Mr. Francis Noel Baker (Labour) asked Mr. Churchill if he were not forgetting the thousands of Spanish troops who fought on the Eastern Front.

To this Mr. Churchill replied that the sending of this division was "a very small way of fobbing off demands." He added: "I have a little sense of proportion."

## Spain For U.N.

There was far more liberty in Spain under General Franco than behind the Iron Curtain. It was a mistake to allow legitimate objections to General Franco to be a barrier between the Spanish people and the Western powers.

Mr. Churchill called for the admission of Spain to the United Nations and for British diplomatic representation in Madrid.

Turning to Greece, Mr. Churchill said: "We know about the importance that a democratic Spain could have to the project of Western Union."

He said: "Those who want to join the club must obey the rules of the club. There must be a moral and political basis for Western Union and in that moral and political union, Franco Spain cannot have a part."

From Greece, "there is a lack of political courage and a lack of firm leadership," he declared.

The British Government was not in favour of the suggestion that the United Nations should send a Mediation Commission to Greece.

## Crusade In Europe

Mr. Churchill deplored British criticism of General Eisenhower's "crusade" in Europe. This book has been attacked in some quarters in Britain because of its alleged anti-British and anti-Churchill tone.

General Eisenhower has already refuted these allegations and today Mr. Churchill said, paying tribute to American help, did not always agree with General Eisenhower on strategic questions and I will take the opportunity of expressing my views if my life is suitably prolonged.

"But I cannot do much better than to read the personal telegram of May 9, 1945—two days after the surrender of the German armies—which I sent to President Truman."

Mr. Churchill then read: "Let me tell you what General Eisenhower has meant to us. In him we have had a man who has sought the unity of the Allied Armies above all nationalistic thoughts."

"In his headquarters unity and strategy were the only reigning spirits." Unity reached such a point that British and American troops could be mixed in the line of battle and large masses could be transferred from one Command to another without the slightest difficulty.

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## Siam Is Not The Same Now

Sydney, December 11.

Prince Prasabak Satsavak, grandson of the "King of Siam" in Rex Harrison's "Anna and the King of Siam," assured reporters at a UN conference in Sydney that things were not the same in Siam now.

They don't burn unfaithful wives nor have governesses as good looking as Irene Dunne.

He is at a meeting of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East—United Press.

## Germans Call For Sweeping Reforms

Bonn, December 10.

Western Germany's Parliamentary Assembly today passed a resolution calling for sweeping reforms in the relationship between the occupation forces and the German people, including the right of Germany to participate in international affairs.

The resolution revealed for the first time the Assembly's hopes for the still undetermined Occupation Statute which will give Western Germany its first clear legal definition of its rights under the occupation.

The resolution was passed by all participating party factions except the Communists.

## Three Principles

The Assembly called for the following principles for the development of the interests of both the Germans and the occupation forces:

1.—Supreme authority to be taken over by German State organs. (2)—The attitude of the occupation forces towards Germany to be settled within the limits considered necessary by occupation functions. (3)—Any regulation to be avoided which might prejudice the normal living conditions of the German people, and the development of democracy.

Under the heading of "International Affairs," the resolution said it hoped the Statute would allow Germany to have her own consulates abroad, and that any regulations restricting economic and trade relations with foreign countries should be lifted.

The resolution asked for German participation in international conferences and agreements.

## Federal Republic

A statement dealing with occupation costs, bone of contention between the Allies and the Germans, said these should be fixed to spare the German population unnecessary hardships.

The Committee of the Constituent Assembly for Western Germany rejected today a proposal that the future Government for Western Germany should be called "The German Reich," and voted to retain the name "Federal Republic of Germany."

It agreed to accept the preamble of the new Constitution which it has been preparing since September 1. The preamble asserts the determination of the West German people to maintain the unity of the nation.—Reuter.

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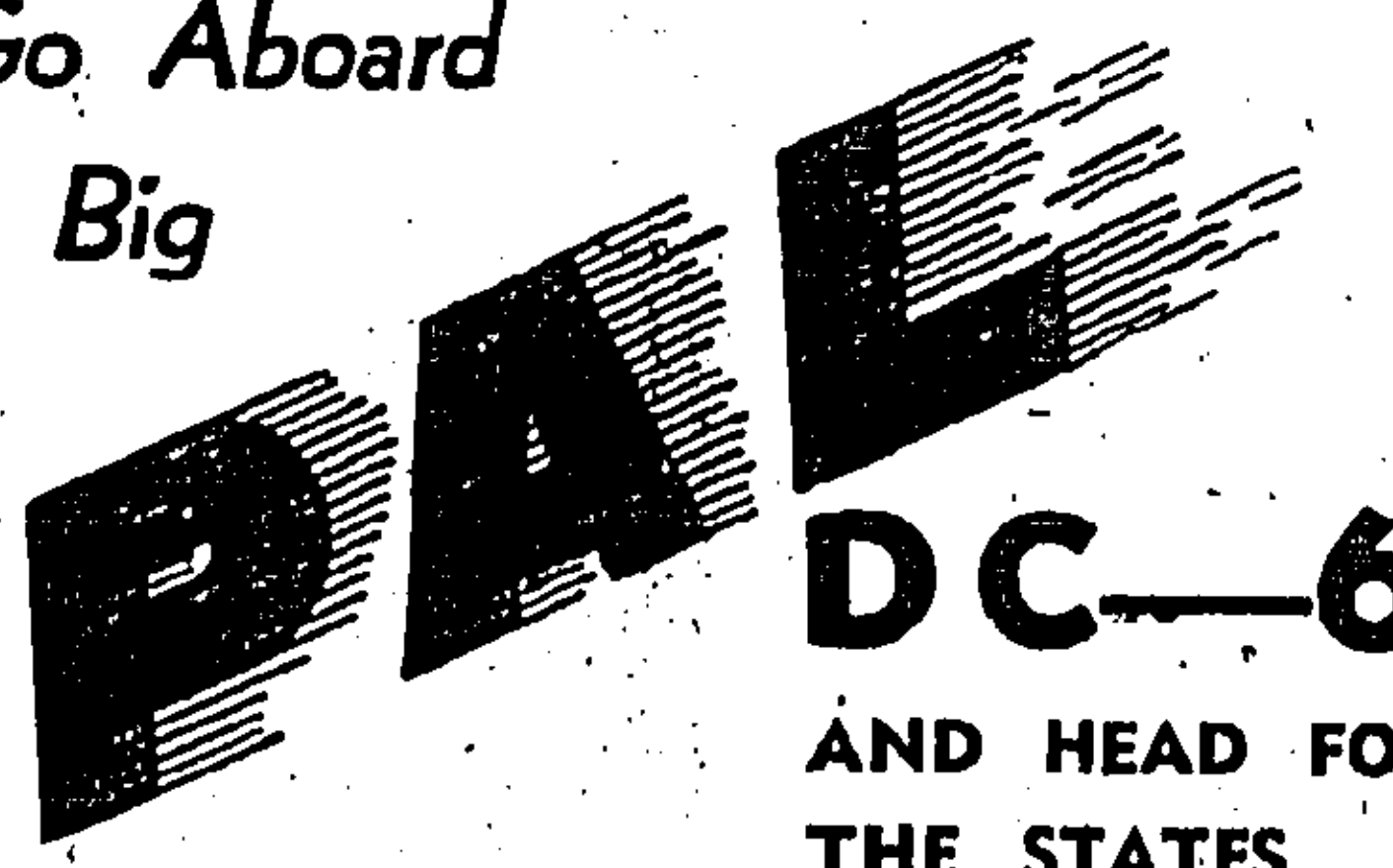
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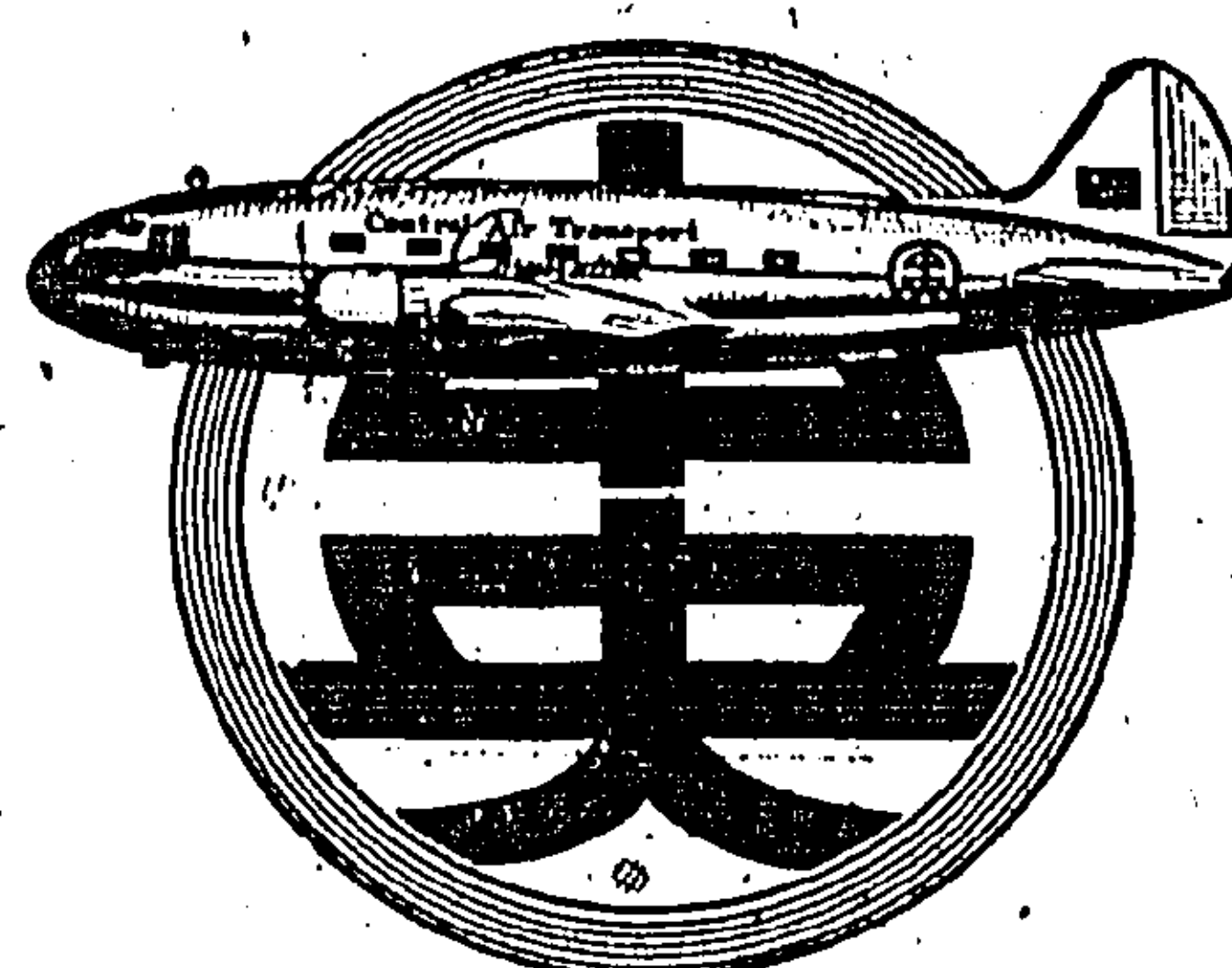
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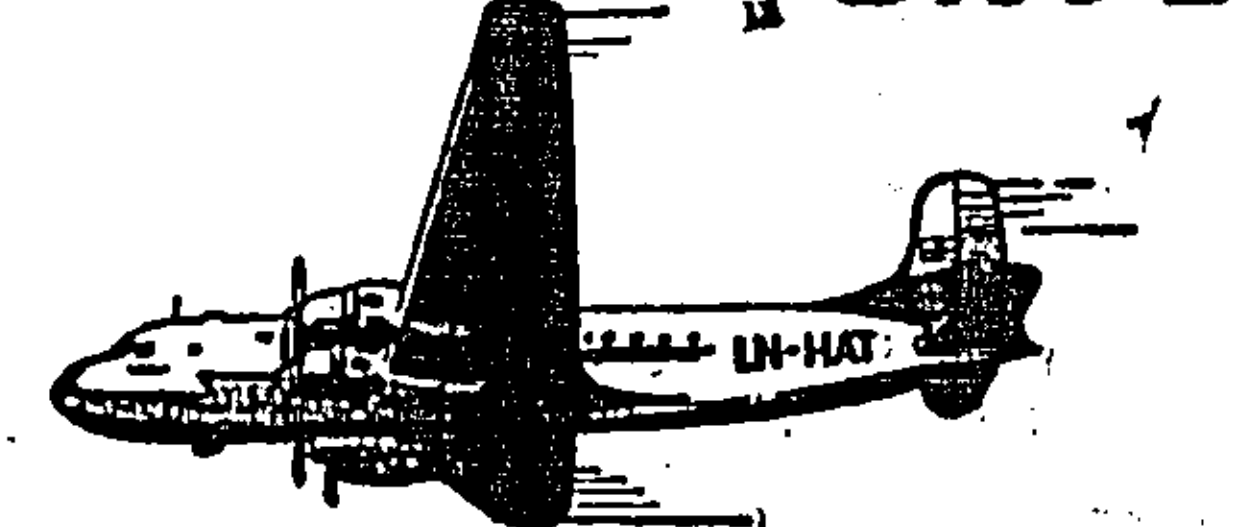
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## SET A WOMAN TO CATCH A WOMAN

By F.G. PRICE-WHITE

Women have now achieved equality with men in the practice of an art once confined to a few of the boldest spirits among them—the ancient art of smuggling.

Not so long ago the prosecution of a woman for deliberately attempting to evade Customs duty was almost an oddity. Today it is a common-place. As many women as men fall into the net of Customs Preventive Officers at our seaports and airports.

### Alert Detachment

And women are largely responsible for this: those extremely alert-looking women in smart navy-blue uniforms and peaked caps who form the Customs' new auxiliary body of special searchers.

You will see them on the quayside at Southampton, Liverpool, Dover, wherever travellers land; and if you observe them closely as they slowly walk the length of the baggage-shed you will notice their air of watchful detachment—so very like that of the long-suffered Customs officers who are quietly questioning passengers.

In the short period these women have been at their posts they have amply proved their worth; and they have learned a lot about the capacity of their own sex for smuggling; rather, they have learned a lot more, for they were taught a good deal during their period of special training.

But they will go on learning; for women who make a practice of smuggling are—like men in the same "line of business"—continually resorting to new tricks.

"Most of the smugglers in skirts are clever only up to a point," one expert woman searcher told me. "They rely too much on being able to look innocent. That doesn't cut any ice with experienced Customs officers, of course. And, naturally, when it is our turn to deal with them they don't bother how they look!"

"Some of them look very angry, and loudly object to being

sought. That is when we have to be very careful, and adopt the 'This hurts me far more than it hurts you' attitude."

### A Woman's Touch

"In most cases this has the necessary effect, but—believe it or not—there are women who say they are 'allergic' to being touched by a woman! Only the other day I was called on to search a woman suspected of smuggling currency; she threatened to scream the place down if I laid a hand on her."

"I couldn't bear it!" she shrieked, and declared she would sooner go to prison.

"She must have meant it—for in the end she handed over the wads of notes I was looking for."

However, most women who have to be searched prove fairly reasonable. If they are concealing anything dutiable they know that the game is up.

"And then, most often," said the searcher, "they burst into tears. Not that they have a hope that their tears will put us off our job. Oh, no—they are tears of rage at being found out."

These uniformed searchers take a kind of trouble off the Preventive Officers—the men who examine passengers' baggage.

Formerly, a woman suspect was a problem; she had to be "detained," sometimes for hours, until the police could send one of their own women searchers along.

### Honourable Way

On one occasion a Chief Preventive Officer, appealed to by a P.O. driven almost frantic by the persistent (and tearful) denials of a woman suspected of serious smuggling, told her to go and search herself!

Oddly enough, putting her "on her honour" proved completely effective. She emerged from the search-room with several dozen packets of nylon, some scores of lipsticks, and a couple of wrist-watches—which she surrendered with a perfectly angelic air!

Most of the women searchers gave up clerical jobs at the Customs headquarters in London for their new and unusual career. This meant their leaving home, to be attached to Preventive staffs in various parts of the country.

There was no monetary inducement to them to sacrifice homes and comforts and install themselves in lodgings in unfamiliar places—their starting pay is only £4 10s. a week, plus £5 a week lodging allowance.

Nevertheless, they are proud of creating a new service—and of the fact that women smugglers already fear them as rabbits fear

## THESE MILLIONS KEEP STALIN WORRIED

Forty-five million Germans in Western Germany are beyond the grip of Stalin.

THESE MILLIONS KEEP... These 45,000,000 make him suspicious: 44,000,000 are bitterly anti-Communist, there are several million of the best troops of Europe among them, but all disarmed and trying to learn peaceful trades.

When Field-Marshal Montgomery in 1945 kept these men in their units as labour battalions to clear up the wreckage of Hitler's war, his friend Marshal Zhukov thundered Russia's complaints. They were afraid of a phantom German army. Monty dabbled the Dienstgruppen. But the equation remains—the manpower of Germany added to the resources of the West would mean the end of Soviet blackmail in Europe, and that in the long run means the bankruptcy of Communism.

### Rumours

It is essential to Stalin to neutralise that manpower, industrially and above all in the military sense. The Soviet Press in Germany has accused Great Britain of forming German military units.

I have motored half across the British Zone tracing these rumours to their sources. Circumstantial stories go from mouth to mouth. I followed one back. The German who had been described to me as an armed infantryman turned out to be an MT driver in decline.

"No, it isn't true," said General Sir Charles Kieghtley, Commander of Rhine Army, with a smile, when I asked him whether he commanded any German units.

Later I asked a senior Control Commission official, whose temper has been much tried by the Russians, to comment on the Soviet reports that we were rearming the Germans. "It's not true, unfortunately," he said, and then he repeated the last word with emphasis. "Arm us with American weapons," say the ex-German officers quite openly. "Enlist us in a UN

afraid to look that issue square in the eye and put Western Germany into a proper state of defence."

If I thought that the British nation that planned the great Normandy invasion could not ultimately control the Germans, armed or unarmed, I would sit down and cry. We simply did not try to stop them in the thirty years ago seem pretty and outworn. There must be wider plans.

### Foreign focus

By IAN COLVIN

Army. We are the only nation between Russia and the Atlantic that will stand and fight."

I heard his argument many times, and so has the British Control Commission. Whereas the Soviet Union does not fear that its own pocket German Army will get out of hand, the British have the greatest misgivings. America is not so squeamish, but both British and Americans fear that the night of the field grey battalions would mean the end of France as their ally.

### Caution

Yet I am informed that the French have cautiously considered every aspect of this problem, too. No Frenchman wants to fight in defence of German soil while Germans look on.

I do not believe that it is inevitable to rearm the Germans. It may be sufficient to show Stalin at some critical stage of the Berlin negotiations that we are not

succouring Berlin there are two other vital tasks to pursue.

The new Western currency must be defended from a rise in price. The occupation statute must be agreed, giving Germans maximum scope to run their own affairs. "They are a Christian and a civilised people, and we no longer owe them ill-will," said General Robertson some months ago.

Yet, with the exception of the Press Club, there is not an Allied club in Germany to which a German may be invited. At a transit hotel an elderly official recently objected to our German rattle sitting with my children in table. The number of British officials who speak German and take the trouble to study this bewildered nation is still very small indeed.

### Vital Steel

Two or three perplexed German managers stood with me in one of the biggest plate-rolling mills in Europe, the Hoerde Mills, in Dort-

## WHAT THE CHINESE PRESS IS SAYING

New Life Evening News: There is no doubt that the relations between Great Britain and China are friendly. The fate of the Chinese people is ever in the mind of the British people. As far as the civil strife in China is concerned, Britain has adopted a hands off policy, contrary to the policy pursued by the United States of America. As a result, Britain is able to remain aloof.

Britain, however, herself is experiencing trouble with the Communist uprising in Malaya. Fortunately, she prefers to "calm such troubles. The Malayan trouble is an example. Britain has confined it to a local issue since it occurred six months ago.

The recent meeting between Mr. Bevin and the Chinese Ambassador may possibly have touched on the subject of revising Britain's policy toward China. However, what can Britain do to help China? This is difficult to forecast.

Britain is unable to assist China at the present time. Her hands off policy, nevertheless, is ill-advised. It is yet too early to comment on any probable change in Sino-British relations. That a change is being discussed is worthy of attention.

Sing Tao Wan Pao: With China's civil war fronts gradually being spread towards the Yangtze, high officials, rich families and foreign businessmen in the Nanking-Shanghai area are evacuating to safer places or making preparations for such moves.

Some American firms have decided to remain in the area. To protect them, the American Government has decided to send troops. Other organisations, such as the UNO Far Eastern Economic Committee, and CNRRA, which had originally planned to evacuate, have likewise decided to stay put.

What has brought out this change of decision is not the protection to be afforded by American marines, but the belief that if the Communists take Shanghai they will refrain from molesting foreigners and interfering with foreign properties and business.

Some American firms believe that under the protection of their consulates, they will be able to trade with the Communists. This assumption may turn out to be correct. What foreigners fear most is not the Communists overrunning Shanghai but the possible chaos and confusion that will arise during the transition period.

Wah Kiu Yat Po: Since Liberation, public utilities have received due attention after the other by the authorities concerned. Public latrines, however, have been neglected and little improvements are seen today.

Some public latrines in the Central District and in the Wanchai area are still without lights at night. The existing number is also inadequate to meet the need of the growing population. Patrons of these latrines often have to queue up. The inconvenience can well be imagined.

Conditions in some latrines, especially the one in Pottinger Street and the one near the Ho Tung Building, are particularly offensive. For the sake of public health, steps should be taken to improve the conditions in public latrines.

New Life Evening News: It is roughly estimated that between 30,000 and 40,000 people have entered Hong Kong in the past fortnight. The exodus of people from Nanking and Shanghai began at the beginning of the year when the economic and military situation started deteriorating.

Continued influx of people here will naturally result in a strain on the Colony's food stocks and accommodation. The local population has already reached the saturation point.

At the moment, the housing problem appears to be the most serious. This is reflected in the further rise in rents, and demand for hotel accommodation.

In our opinion, shortage of accommodation may be a factor in the increase in rents, but manipulation by profiteers plays a big part in it.

Biggest Times: Hong Kong's population is now placed at beyond 2,000,000 as a result of the influx of people from North China and the Shanghai-Nanking area.

Only 50 per cent of the arrivals here have bona fide occupations. The rest are unemployed and idling people. This will not only affect local law and order but also the livelihood of the people.

mund. The rollers that press out left widths of plate were idle, because on October 27 a British order was received to dismantle the vital maintenance machinery for the rollers.

The Germans argued that their steel programme is as vital to Europe as it is to Germany. Many of the plans and ideas that we imported to Germany three years ago seem pretty and outworn. There must be wider plans.

Our social policy, too, has nearly discredited democracy by thrusting it upon the Germans. The British Government has worked on the principle that social-democracy can do no wrong, and that the trade unions in Germany would prevent a resurgence of the war spirit.

### First Clash

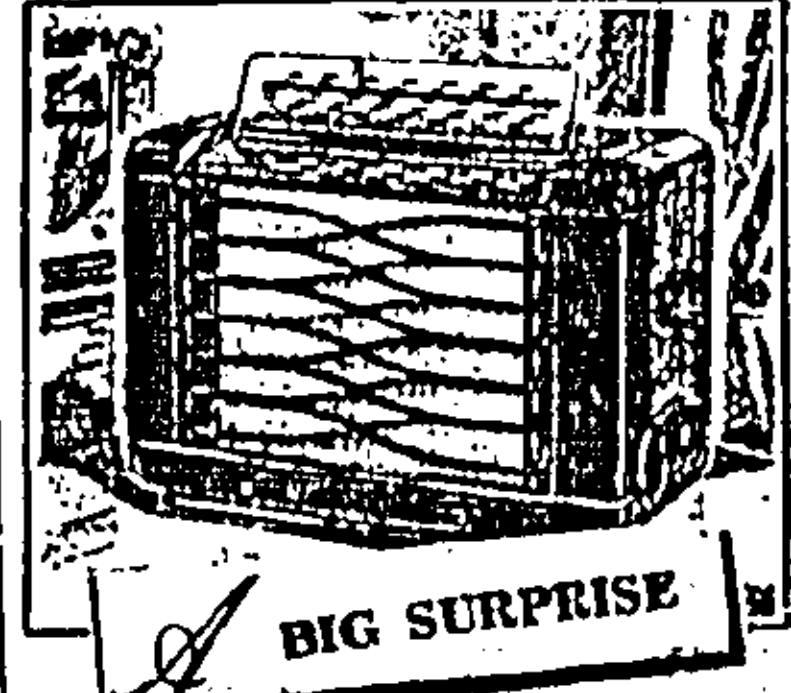
Now it was the trade unions in Prague who carried arms in support of the police when Benes was overthrown. The first severe clash of street fighting that has occurred in the American Zone between military police and German trade unions.

The Western Allies would do well not to hope for security in Germany from encouraging its systems. They have already gone too far in that direction. A few years of wise and benevolent rule are more essential.

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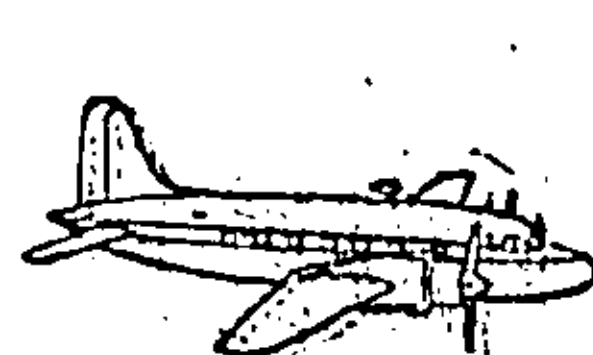


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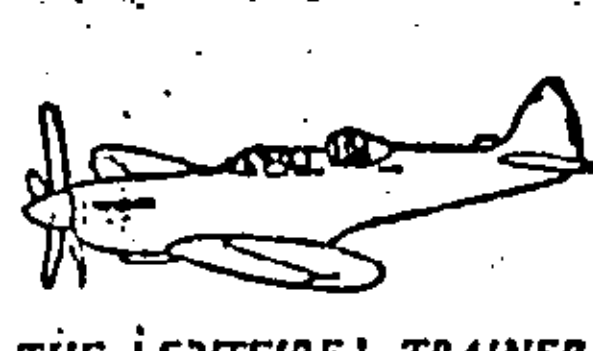
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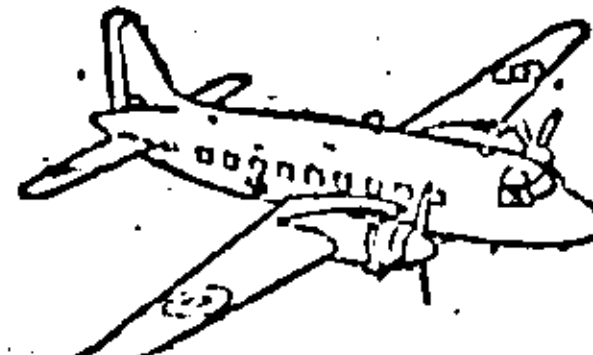
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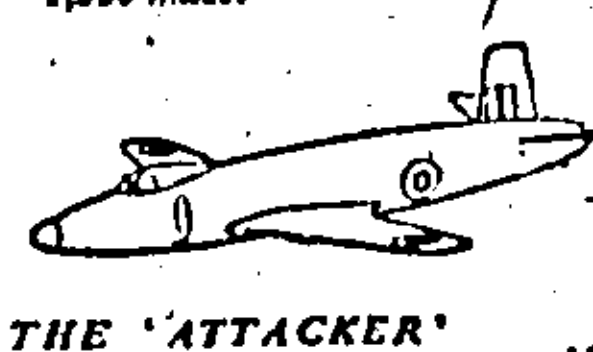
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# MADAME CHIANG HAS SYMPATHETIC HEARING

Washington, December 11.

President Harry Truman listened sympathetically yesterday to a plea by Madame Chiang Kai-shek for new American aid to China's hard pressed Nationalist government.

They talked over the China crisis for about half an hour at Blair House after five o'clock tea, which Mrs. Truman attended.

Madame Chiang stated her case and the President listened sympathetically, Ebon Ayres, Press Secretary, told newsmen.

Mme Chiang told reporters the President was the one to report on the conference. It was her first meeting with Mr. Truman since she arrived 19 days ago on a hurried unofficial mission for the anti-Communist Nanking regime.

Mr. Ayres said he did not know whether Mr. Truman would see Mme Chiang again. After the meeting she left with Mrs. George Marshall, wife of the Secretary of State, to return to the Marshall home at Leesburg, Virginia, where she has been a guest since her arrival.

## Serious Study

Diplomatic officials were frankly sceptical of the result of the conference, being anything approaching all out aid to China.

They said before the meeting Mr. Truman could offer Mme Chiang little hope on her plea, except a promise to give the situation serious continuing study. It is not a question of wavering American sympathy for China, they emphasised, but rather made of complex difficulties.

Mme Chiang was expected to base her plea on the traditional Chinese-American friendship, the view that the Chinese Nationalist troops are fighting a war on behalf of all anti-Communist countries, and the contention it still is not too late to save China from the advancing Communist armies.

If advance information is correct, it was a US\$3,000,000,000 (three billion) conversation. That is the amount Chinese authorities have said Mme Chiang is seeking in American aid over the next three years.

The Generalissimo's wife also was reported asking for an American declaration of support for Generalissimo Chiang, speeding arms shipments and assignment of a major US military mission to run the war against the Communists.

Presidential advisers indicated they have virtually lost confidence in the ability of the Generalissimo, whose armies have been almost continuously on the march for 22 years, turning back the tide of Red troops pressing on his capital.—Associated Press.

## NEXT STOP SHANGHAI?



Pictured above are some of the United States Marines who may be sent to Shanghai to safeguard American lives and property in the event of emergency. Brigadier General Gerald C. Thomas (left), commanding the Fleet Marine Force in the Tangkai area, is shown with Colonel T.B. Hughes, commanding the 9th Marines, just arrived from Guam aboard the USS. Dayfield.—AP Photo.

## SHANGHAI CENTRE FOR ASIA FLOOD CONTROL

Sydney, December 11.

The Far East Economic Commission yesterday decided on a programme of Asiatic flood control. Base of the flood control plans will be at Shanghai, where the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East will be setting up its Secretariat headquarters next year.

Delegates were told by chief U.S. representative Myron M. Cowen they could not expect the U.S. to provide Marshall plan for Asia, though the United States wants to aid Asiatic countries.

The conference admitted Nepal, Northern India, state, to membership. The Indonesian Republic was admitted to associate membership under Dutch protest. The rest of Indonesia also was made an associate member.

Consideration of a report call.

## DIPLOMAT FINED AND GAOLED

Athens, December 11.

Cesare Rubirosa, 41, Dominican Charge D'affaires in Switzerland, was fined \$200,000 and given a six months gaol sentence without right of appeal in Athens on Friday for having attempted to smuggle out of Greece more than \$100,000 in foreign currency.

His woman companion, Yvonne Henry, 25-year-old Swiss, described by Rubirosa as his secretary and future wife, was fined \$70,000 and sentenced to three months imprisonment. They were arrested here on Wednesday.

The money seized in the smuggling attempt was confiscated by the Greek Government, bringing the total involved to \$370,000.

Rubirosa denied the prosecution charges that he "traded" with unidentified persons in Athens, describing them as "phantoms." Referring to an admitted 19 or 16 trips to Greece this year, Rubirosa said he made frequent journeys to Egypt on special missions for his Government and those necessitated passing through Greece.

Letters and notes found in Rubirosa's baggage listing scores of transactions and sums of money sent produced by the prosecution. Rubirosa said they were given him in Geneva for delivery in Egypt.—Associated Press.

## BURMA WILL WORK WITH FOREIGNERS

Rangoon, December 10.

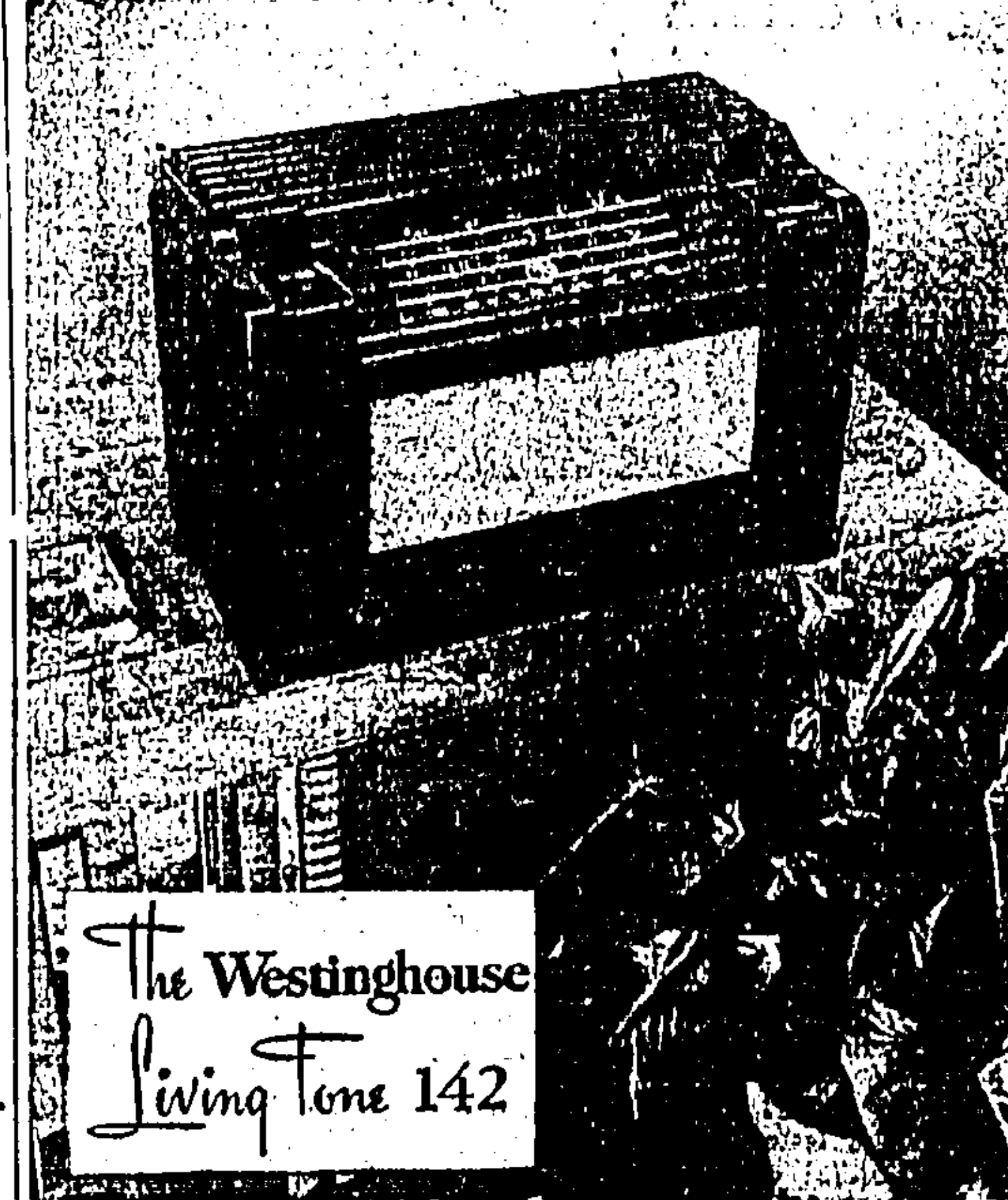
The Burmese Prime Minister, Thakun Nu, told Burmese merchants today that Burma "will not refuse to accept the co-operation of foreign businessmen merely because they are foreigners."

The Premier, addressing the Burma Chamber of Commerce, said the Government, while according preferential treatment to Burmese nationals, would give the necessary assistance to foreign businessmen provided their enterprises were "beneficial to both investors and Burma, and do not infringe the principles of the Burma Constitution."—Reuter.

## MANILA TO HAVE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Manila, December 11.

The United States War Damage Commission today awarded US\$500,000 to Manila for a fire alarm system in the wake of a disastrous series of fires which have cost the city more than a million dollars in three months. In the past week fires have destroyed 10 business concerns and a hotel with damages in excess of US\$150,000.—Associated Press.



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## Now Six Convicted Japanese Appealing

Washington, December 11.

Appeals on behalf of four more Japanese wartime officials convicted by an international military tribunal at Tokyo were filed on Friday in the United States Supreme Court.

The court has agreed to hold a hearing next Thursday on the appeals, filed previously for seven other Japanese war lords.

Friday's appeals were filed on behalf of: General Heitaro Kimura, Vice Minister of War throughout the Premiership of Hideki Tojo (Kimura was sentenced to hang); Lieutenant General Akira Muto, Army chief of staff in the Philippines also sentenced to hang; General Yoshijiro Umez, former chief of staff of the Japanese Army and a signer of the Japanese surrender (sentenced to life imprisonment) and Mamoru Shigemitsu, ageing, peg-legged statesman (who went aboard the battleship Missouri to sign the surrender terms in Tokyo Bay (sentenced to seven years imprisonment)). No appeal has been filed for Hideki Tojo who is also under a death sentence.

## Same Contentions

New York attorney William Logan, Jr. filed Friday's appeals. He asked the court to hear them next Thursday with the appeals for seven other Japanese.

Logan made the same contentions as were made in the cases of the seven who filed earlier appeals; namely that the Far East Military Tribunal was illegally constituted by MacArthur.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments on whether it has any jurisdiction to consider the appeals. In the event the court

## MADAME NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT

Wellesley, Massachusetts, December 10.

A proposal that Madame Chiang Kai-shek be named President of her Alma Mater, Wellesley College, came from another Wellesley graduate today.

Miss Harrie Exelham, Boston, of the class of 1947, nominated Madame Chiang class of 1913, to succeed the retiring Wellesley President, Mrs. Mildred McAfee Horton.

In an open letter to the Reverend Palfrey Perkins, Chairman of the College's Board of Trustees, Miss Exelham urged the election of Chinese women leaders as a boon to international goodwill. She said that choice would be of "twofold value."

(1) It would provide the college with a leader "competent in mind and gracious in manner."

(2) It would give prominence and expression in America to the cause of the Chinese Nationalists.—United Press.

## JUST A PRECAUTION

New Delhi, December 10.

To prevent the recurrence of communal disturbances, Indian police have arrested 800 people so far in a new drive against the militant Hindu organisation, the Rashtriya Swamansheval Sangh (RSS). It was announced today. The organisation had been holding nationwide protest demonstrations against the ban on it since last January's assassination of Gandhi.—Reuter.

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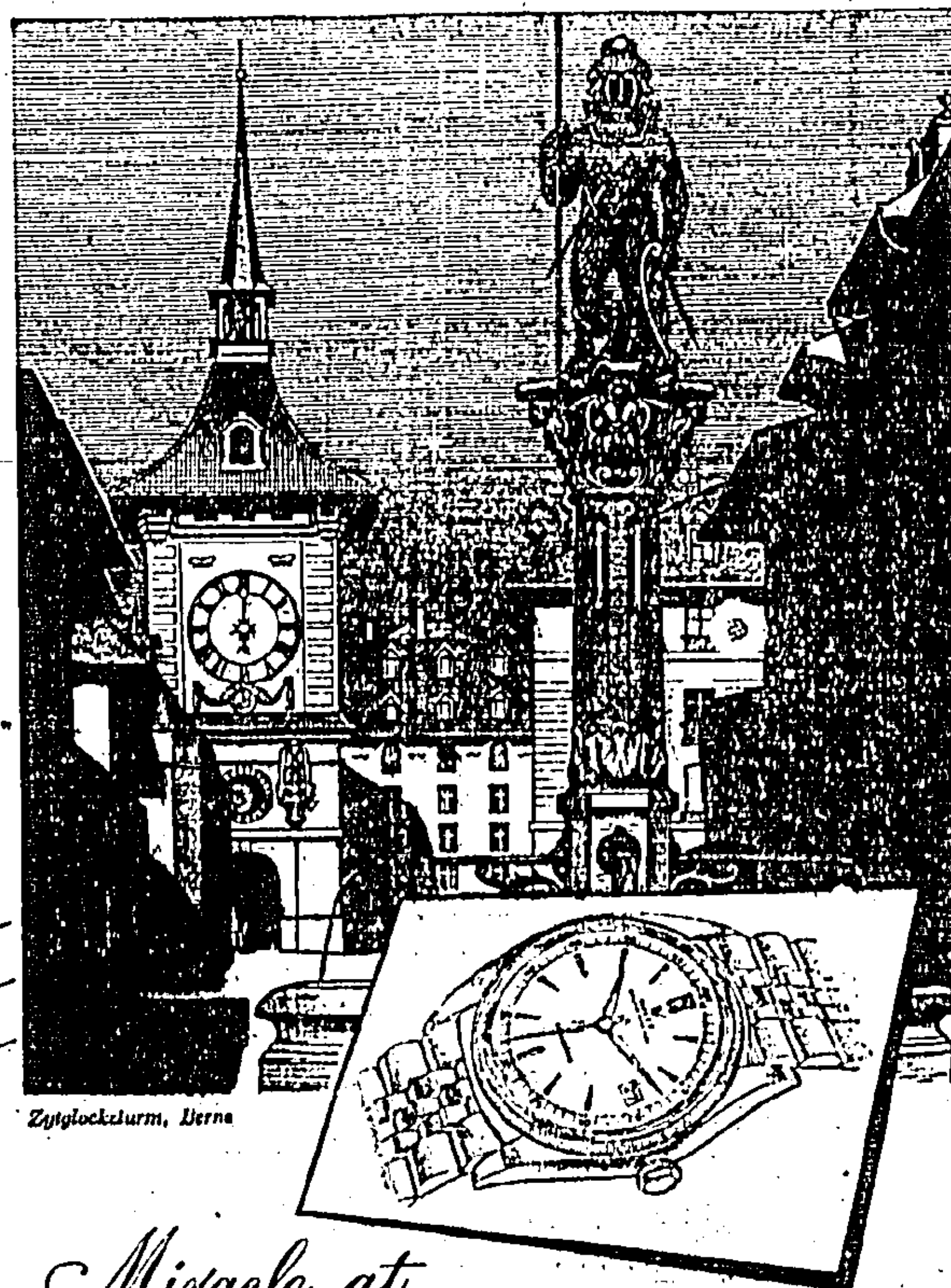
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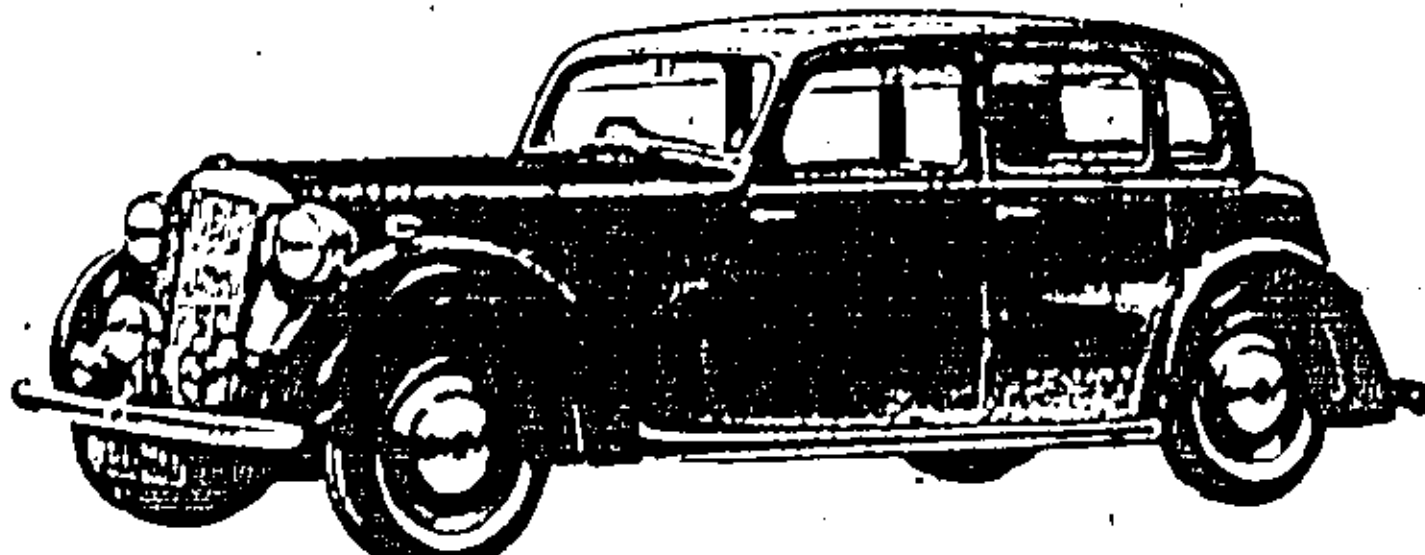


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### Today in the Nazis' Tribal Birthplace, Bavaria, Is Still Found

#### A Potential Breeding-Ground Of Nationalism

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Hitler's favourite burgerbrau cellar in Munich is now used partly as a basket ball stadium for American troops and partly as a soda fountain.

"Don't forget your hot pop corn" says the notice outside the door.

Hitler's brown house is still a mound of red brick ruins on which no contractor's knock-down board has yet appeared. But nevertheless Munich, tribal city of the Nazis, is beginning once more to live, and here in Southern Germany I find the first place where it is openly admitted that old memories are beginning to stir.

Already an air of glittering and unreal prosperity is reglittering Bavaria. German pleasure skiers are using precious current to have themselves electrically pulled up the mountain, and one winter after ski-ing, they can drink foaming 8% Lowenbräu beer which is, I believe, about twice the strength permitted in Britain. Around Munich is a collar of fat sheep, rich timber and well fenced orchards are under the soft lights of Munich restaurants I have been watching the big landowners—the Junkers of 1948 as they might be called—feeding off goose and champagne.

#### Discontent

And among both rich and poor in Bavaria I have come across the most bitter discontent against the American occupation and the new German republic which the Western powers hope to set up in the new year.

The newly formed Bavarian party which demands independence for the province is making heavy progress and thousands of peasants and townsmen overflow the weekly meetings held by the pint sized volcanic fireball, Dr. Baumgartner, a cartoonist-drawn whose black hair shoots up from each side of the forehead like the horns of an amiable chamois. Baumgartner has behind him the big landowners whose star seems to be growing more powerful every day. In Munich, once the four powers agreed to split up the big German feudal estates, and a German land reform law, approved by the Americans, provided that all farms of more than about 250 acres should be handed over in

part to smallholders. Today the smallholders are still waiting. Out of 95,000 acres due from private estates in Bavaria fewer than 10,000 have been given up, and 300 appeal cases involving more than 80,000 acres have yet to be heard. One noble has deeded little more than a 20th of his 50,000 acres. Most of the counts, dukes etc. of Bavaria

### By John Fisher

#### Anti-Semitism

And from Bavaria comes another trace of the old Germany the smoke of anti-semitism. In it is the departure platform for the trek of thousands of Jews towards Israel, and observers here believe that 90% of the Jews of West Germany are now squatting in Bavaria.

If you pass down the Mothelstrasse on the East side of the river Isar, you will see so many Jews that even the street signs are written in Hebrew. Once again conspicuous, the Jews are getting themselves talked about and rightly or wrongly accused of "being behind all the black market".

Finally on the road back to pre-war Germany are the thousands of Bavarians who have slipped through the de-Nazification net. Graded by fellow Germans as category four (less white Nazi "Fellow Travellers" only), such men are legally free to take up life exactly where they left off. As experts, many of them have found influential jobs in the all powerful Bi-zone Administration at Frankfurt. Other Nazi camp followers have taken over their own factories again, have ousted the trustees who have been running the works in the meantime, and are beginning to enjoy a fat hunt of accumulated profits. And these same factories get quotas of raw materials based on their 1938 production. (Whereas the world-be rival who may have been in a concentration camp in 1938 has no production figure to fall back on).

#### Other Mistakes

Two other mistakes of the American authorities have helped the old regime in its struggle to regain the saddle. The first

mistake was to take on so many de-Nazification cases that practically every family in Bavaria was implicated and so became ready to fight the courts. Secondly the occupation authorities failed to fill the empty Nazi posts with something better. We drew the teeth of Naz Germany," one official told me "but we forgot to make a plate."

And so the return of the Junkers and the Nazi camp followers has discouraged most Germans from giving evidence before the de-Nazification courts. Some who have already testified in primary courts have withdrawn their evidence before appeals could be heard.

American officials tell me that in Bavaria alone 7,000 of the juicier cases are still waiting to be heard and that the longer these cases are delayed by the German authorities, the more chances there will be of a white-wash verdict being given.

So far as I can tell, there is no conscious or very articulate movement yet on foot to revive the National Socialist creed. Werewolf pamphlets which appear from time to time seem to come from uncultivated still living in the past and the real planners, if they exist, are far too sensible to cause alarm while the American forces are still in occupation. Even the efforts which are being made to get former Nazi sympathisers into key jobs can partly be explained by the fact that a swastika camp follower is not to feel politically naked when surrounded by an office-full of former anti Nazis.

But all the signs are that one day it would not be too hard to turn back the hands of the cuckoo clock of Bavaria and, for a revival of German nationalism, you would find here in Bavaria, among the old leather breeches, shoving brush hats and, it must be added, double breasted shoulder padded suits, a most favourable setting.

### ECA Survey In Greece

Washington, December 10. The Economic Co-operation Administration announced today that a \$750,000 survey of the Greek electric power supply and water utilisation potentialities would be made soon.

An American engineering firm had been appointed to make the survey and would be authorised to spend \$650,000 of Marshall Plan money and the equivalent of \$100,000 of Greek currency from the counterpart funds, the announcement said.

The ECA and the Greek Government had selected the Achelous, Ladon, Vardhos and Louros rivers for the survey as having the best possibilities of development. The survey is expected to take from nine months to a year.—Reuters.



BOAC stewards and stewardesses who fly on the Speedbird routes between the UK and Hong Kong undergo an intensive training course at Hurn Airport (Hampshire). In addition to a study of catering and the preparation and serving of food and drink, the trainees are given instruction in a variety of subjects. Photograph shows a student stewardess learning department, watched by stewards under training. The trainees have to pick fallen objects from the floor with ease and decorum while carrying a loaded tray.

## 'Sea Vamps' Lead The Navy To 'Atom War'

Aboard the Aircraft-carrier Illustrious, off the Coast of Spain. When they sounded action stations this morning the naval flyer when I last met in the Pacific rose from his chair in the wardroom and said: "Well, here we go again. This is where I come in."

Up on the flight deck ratings scampered to their stations, their faces keen, but as white as the wavecaps because, for many of them, it was their first sea trip and the weather had been rough in the Bay of Biscay.

#### The Beginning

This was the beginning of the Navy's biggest post-war exercises—historic in their way, for it was the first time that 500 m.p.h. jet-propelled Sea Vampires had scorched the steel flight decks with their belching wakes of orange flame, and the first time that a battle technique was to be based on the assumption that atomic bombs would be dropped.

A very silent Service since the war, the Navy is now staging its first "Atomic Air-Sea Exercises," and few naval events have been watched with such interest. Among the observers are atomic scientists, jet-propulsion experts, and Dominion military officers, and from the results back-room boys may shape the shape of things to come in naval warfare. These exercises are imaginative in conception and bold of execution. It has to be remembered that many ratings are fresh from school and have never been to sea before.

#### The Objective

The object of these exercises is threefold:

- 1.—To exercise all forms of air-sea war tactics;
- 2.—To envisage as far as possible the use of atomic bombs;
- 3.—To try out the latest anti-submarine devices and experiment with jet-propelled carrier aircraft. So in later stages we shall join units of the Home Fleet now returning from the West Indies and make a wholesale attack upon Plymouth.

For the past few days our 915 Squadron of war-tired Barracudas has been rehearsing for its expected hunt of up to 20 submarines which are expected to attack us.

But very much top of our bill are these jet-propelled Sea Vampires that land on the deck at something over 80 miles an hour. This is the first time that jet-propelled aircraft have been used from carriers in fleet exercises. The Americans are experimenting with carrier jets, but have not yet used them in exercises.

The "Vamps" are carefully nursed by a small posse of engineers and the special adviser from the de Havilland factory at Hatfield.

This means that Britain leads the way in naval air warfare, and

### By Graham Stanford

by the time the exercises are over we are hoping that the "Vamps" will complete 200 landings. They are piloted by 27-year-old Lieut. George Baldwin and 23-year-old Lieut. Keith Shepherd, both six-footers.

#### A Sprog

Baldwin is married and has a "sprog" which in air naval talk means a child. Shepherd is a bachelor. Both land these whirling, roaring, Verne-like machines as though the pitching flight deck was a mile wide and as steady as the earth.

Young ratings watch fascinated as the whining, howling yellow "bats" do aerobics, and there is a "full house" of spectators on the "control island" whenever they come in to land. It is all a very far cry from Nelson's day, with jels bumping up the steel deck and with cockpits of the Barracudas packed tight with latest anti-submarine devices. For in this naval age it is the technicians who are calling the tune, and this Sea Vampire is their latest offering.

It is too early yet to make any assessment of the lesson that may be learned from these exercises. Which would be the greatest menace—atomic bomb, submarine, or rocket projectile? what of the design of the future carrier? These queries form the basis of nightly discussions.

There is no peace-time cruise atmosphere about the Home Fleet today. Officers and ratings are geared to make these exercises the most realistic ever staged. One observer aboard in an Australian major who is to become an air liaison officer in Australia's first carrier, the Sydney, which will sail from Britain next year. Observers report that they are impressed with the efficiency of this carrier, which until a few days ago was being used for training. The Home Fleet has certainly "shaken down" well on its West Indian cruise.

Refuelling and re-equipmenting at sea have become routine, and the lessons learned in the Pacific war have been well carried out.

#### The Future

And even uncertainty about their future does not damp the

enthusiasm of the flying crews of the Air Branch. Only 100 permanent commissions are to be granted out of about 600, but extended four-year commissions are being offered for the remainder. "But then what?" asks a pilot. "What's going to happen to me when I am too old for flying?"

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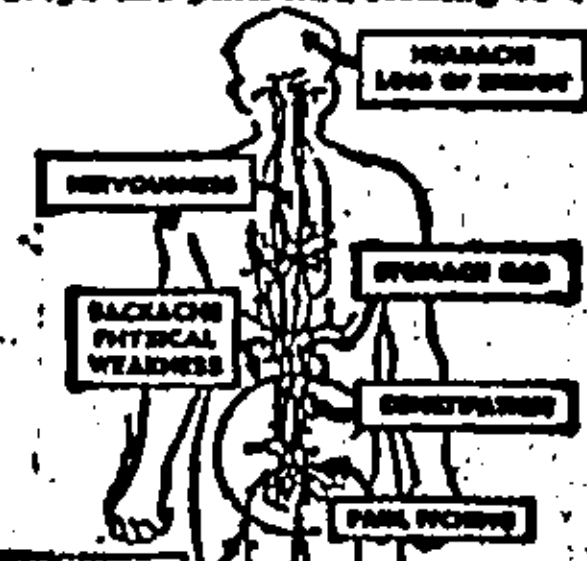
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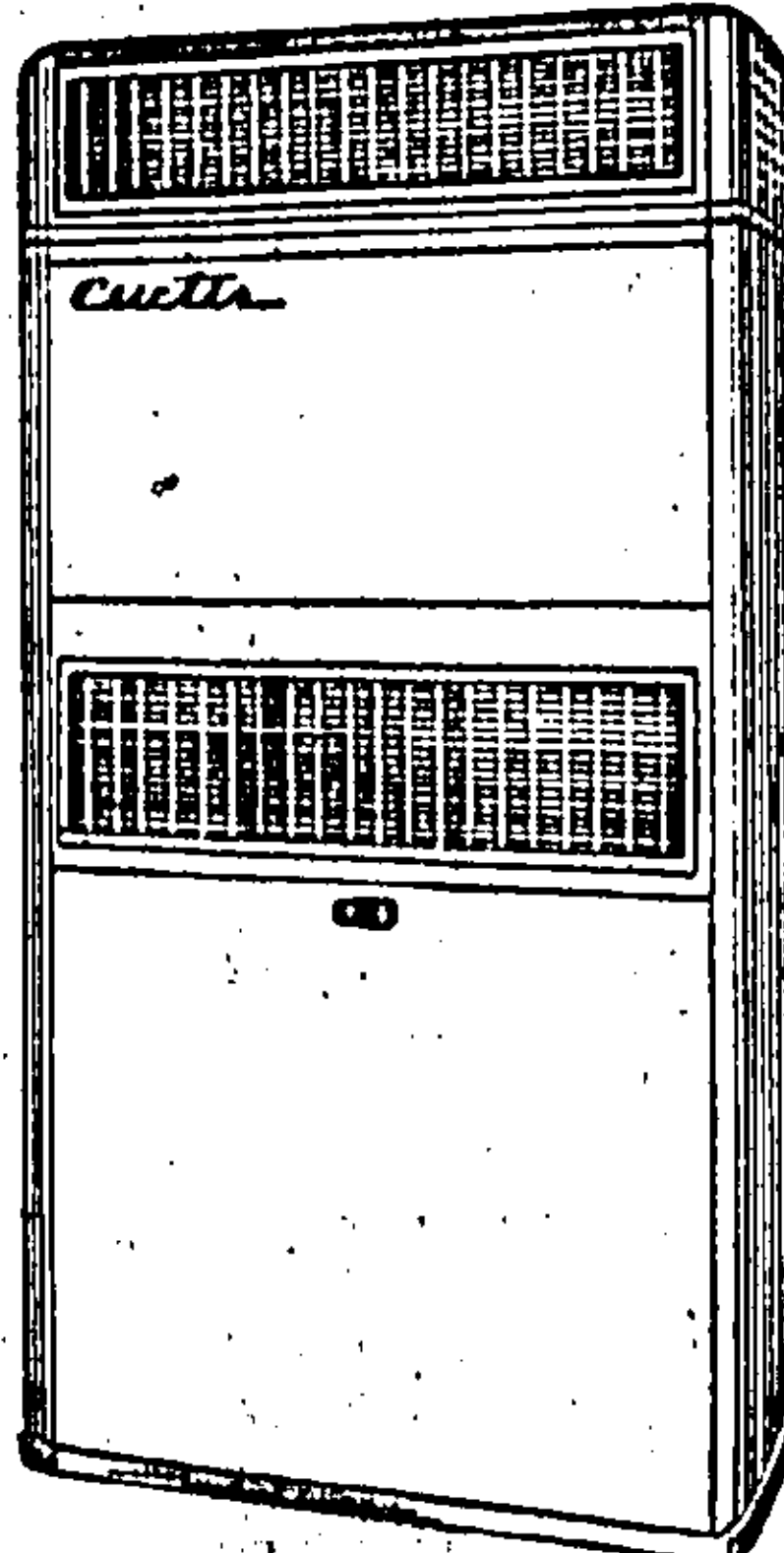
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## NATIONALIST FOOD SUPPLY GOOD BUT THEY FORAGE ALL THE SAME

North Anhwei Front, December 11.

We who want to war on a handcar were lucky. Most of the people had to walk.

Supplied with a motorised car by the Tientsin-Pukow railroad, a group of foreign newsmen left Pengpu for the area 25 miles North-West of here where roofless villages and still burning huts attested to the struggle in which the Nationalist Armies slowly were pushing Li Po Cheng's rear-guard back from the Huni riverline.

From Tsinshuoh rail station we bounced in the back of a six by six truck over new cut roads trying to keep pace with the front-line troops.

The battlefield is flat as a table, broken only by villages of a few hundred people each where, in happier times, the rich harvest of the Anhwei plain are gathered. Today the villages are semi-abandoned ruins. There is no life in a village.

Twelve miles North West of Tsinshuoh one could hear explosions of artillery in a semi-circle as the Nationalist forces pushed steadily forward. From Army Group headquarters through the army to the Division Command post it was evident the Nationalist supply system, which in the past often functioned badly, was working well now. Munitions were plentiful, even in advanced positions. As long as the winter came hold off the trucks should be able to keep the lines open.

### Food Forays

Rice is also plentiful but in the advance areas the Chinese like all other front-line soldiers, forage for additional food.

Three hungry Hunanese near headquarters chased a fat pig, headless of heavy gunfire, and finally caught and dispatched the pig, heedless of the farmers who cringed in their huts afraid of the soldiers of both sides.

In the fields soldiers grimy from battle dug radishes. Commanders said it was useless to try to stop them and already abandoned the food.

A surprising number of Nationalist troops are veterans who say they like army life. Many, too, showed evidence of political indoctrination which has been absent from past government armies.

## INTERVIEW WITH THE NEW PM



Dr. Sun Fo (left), recently named Prime Minister of China, is interviewed by Fred Hampson, Associated Press bureau chief, in Dr. Sun's home in Shanghai. American-educated, Dr. Sun attended the University of California and Columbia University.

An Associated Press report from Shanghai states that Dr. Sun Fo is expected to leave hospital today following a successful operation for the removal of a tumour on his leg. He continued hospital room conferences on Cabinet formation and is expected to return to Nanking on Sunday. AP Photo.

## What Colour Is Your Pet Song?

Los Angeles, December 11.

Into the darkened wards of America's insane asylums has come a new form of art, but its discoverers don't know what to do with it.

It is called "auratone," and the man guiding its development is Larry Crosby, who with his brother, the singer, Bing Crosby, heads the Crosby Research Foundation.

It was invented by Cecil Stokes, an Englishman.

Auratone is a process for translating music into colour. Essentially, it is a film. The familiar patterns of music are translated on a theatre screen into colour patterns, constantly shifting tones in every hue of the rainbow, subtly changing with the mood of the music.

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Captain Robert E. Rubin, reporting in Journal of Clinical Psychology, said that most patients subject to the new treatment become more accessible immediately following exposure to the films. Those whose speech was previously blocked or retarded, spoke more freely.

The future of music-films were shown in 250 war fatigue and 31 locked ward psychotics in a Naval hospital. Most of the fatigue cases responded very favourably, many going sound to sleep. Nearly all said they felt rested afterwards. Of the locked ward patients one third went to sleep. The rest were absolutely quiet as they watched the film.

One man said, "why don't they give us more stuff like this?"

But Crosby looks beyond the therapeutic field for application of his new discovery. Some day, he said, people may eat breakfast from plates painted to the strains of "Oh What a Beautiful Morning."

Already silk scarves have been manufactured to the tune of "Home On The Range."—Associated Press.

## JAPANESE DIET FEELS ANXIETY

Tokyo, December 11.

Anxious Japanese politicians turned to their last Parliamentary task today before hearing the public's verdict at an impending general election—scandals touching nearly every faction of the Diet.

The immediate problem was passage of a large supplementary budget with which to meet proposed government payroll increases and other year end expenses.

The Diet is scheduled to be dissolved early next week through an agreement reached between the Government and opposition parties. After passage of the budget a non-confidence resolution will be passed and Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida will call a new election for sometime next year.

### Double Wages

The Government's supplementary budget now totals 70,350,705,000 Yen. This is to be added to the already exhausted but record general budget of 414,000,000,000 Yen. (The total is about US\$1,600,000,000 in purchasing value.)

Among the items in the supplementary budget is a general doubling of average government wages to 6,300 Yen a month. This is reportedly supported by some factions and opposed by others. Some unions are asking for more.

The financial bill was being considered in Committee today with prospects slight that it could reach the plenary session this afternoon—the original schedule.

Nearly 60 political leaders including former Prime Minister Hiroshi Ashida are under interrogation regarding a series of bribery scandals which have shocked Japan.

## Year To Correct Invisible Error

Los Angeles, December 11.

Astronomers who have waited 20 years to probe a billion light years into space through the 200-inch lens of the world's largest telescope at Palomar University must await another year, because of an error of twenty-millionths of an inch.

Scientists here discovered that the outer rim of the lens, polished labouriously for years, is just that much too high. It will take almost another year to pare off the rim to the correct dimensions.

Built at a cost of over \$4 million, the telescope has taken more than 20 years to perfect.

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A million times as sensitive to light as man's eye, the mirror is expected to show details on the moon as small as a house.—Reuter.

## Fortification Of Taiwan

Tokyo, December 11.

Japanese repatriates from Taiwan report that the Chinese Nationalist Government are busily fortifying the island as a base in the China civil war.

According to a report carried in the Mainichi Shimbun the repatriates arrived from Keelung around the Kailashan on December 9.

They reported the former Japanese Navy barracks are being remodelled to train recruits. Large numbers of armed soldiers are arriving in Taiwan in steady streams.

In other vessels, refugees were arriving in Taiwan with household goods from Manchuria and North China. There was one sailing each day for Shanghai, but that has been increased recently to ten, it was stated.—Reuter.

## Stolen Documents Gave Information On China

New York, December 10.

The World Telegram reported today that the stolen Government documents handed over by Whitaker Chambers to the House Committee, could, if they were transmitted to Russia, have given the Chinese Communists, a complete detail of the disposition of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's troops in 1937 and 1938.

Washington despatch by the World Telegram staff writer, Victor Lasky, reported that the papers contained "full details of early 1938 Nationalist troop movements when China was then at war with both Japan and the Reds."

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It said that the documents also "show to some extent the quantity and location of strategic military equipment throughout Nationalist China as well as the nature of the Chinese Military purchases from foreign nations. Included in the latter category was the requisition for military aircraft from France."

"The papers indicated that the United States had sought a trade agreement with Germany in 1936—at a time when Russia sought a similar deal with the Nazis. These had been lifted from the State Department section then headed by Mr. Sumner Welles, who this week argued against release in the interests of national security of the chamber's documents."

They ranged from a report from Ambassador William C. Bullitt in Paris on Japanese-Russian relations as obtained from a Chinese diplomat to German purchases of linseed oil from Argentina at supposedly excessive prices.—United Press.

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# DINNER GOWNS THAT ARE DIFFERENT

By JANET MARTIN

The first requirement of the ideal dinner gown is that it should look as charming sitting down as standing. The most exciting of draped or bouffant skirts suffer an eclipse behind a dinner table, so special attention must be paid to details above the waist, to shoulders, necks and sleeves.

The two piece dinner gown, consisting of long skirt with contrasting top, is always a firm favourite, especially as it allows for an inexhaustible scope in ringing the changes with various tops, so that it can appear as the most demure of dinner frocks on one occasion and as a sophisticated evening gown on another.

A delightful version this season has a black silk tulle skirt with the new uneven hemline. The front of the skirt hangs quite straight to ankle length, while the back flutes out into a fan of deep folds, dipping to floor length.

A suggested top for this skirt is in heavy white lace. It has a deep, wide neckline, outlined by the serrations of the lace edging, tiny cap sleeves and a little basque which fits to the figure at the front and dips into a ripple of ruffled fluting at the back, following the skirt line.

The sheathlike dinner gown is back again, high necked and with long sleeves which make a perfect background for lovely bracelets. Featuring the dipping hemline is a model in matelasse crepe which sheathes the figure from high, slightly cowed neckline to ankle.

The skirt is drawn into a bunch of gathers below the waist at the back, flowing into a fish-tail which just brushes the floor. Long light flitting sleeves are finished with the medieval point at the wrist, and clasped with massive jewelled bracelets, matching brooch and earrings.

### Gracious Addition

The stole, for evening wear, is a graceful addition to the dinner table on a chilly evening. A new original from London displays this idea in pitch brown satin, the near black which catches such subtle hints by artificial light. This model has a deep, round neckline, finished with a bias drape which covers the tops of the shoulders. The bodice is gathered at the sides. Slim skirt has a drape across the back waist, released at the left to sweep to the hem, then curved round and caught in the right side-seam. With this gown is a stole of the same material, lined with blue bottle green chiffon.

Another style of exquisite simplicity, in midnight blue crepe, has a throat-high neckline at the front, falling into a deep, cowed décolletage at the back. The skirt fits snugly at the back, but is wrapped across at the front with a gathered panel, draped to ripple down from the free edge.

Long, fine suede gloves, flesh tinted, are worn, with pearl choker and twisted pearl bracelet. The most sophisticated dinner gown I have seen this season is a shorter skirted model, in black mouseline crepe. It has a deep, square neck and little sleeves. Bodice and skirt sheathe the



figure at the front. At the hip-line, the material is drawn towards the back to meet a huge bow, terminating in cascade drapes to the hem. Details complete the sophisticated air—black coq feather corsage, long black gloves, wide bracelet of rhinestones as the only splash of colour.

A dainty bouffant dinner gown, designed for Miss Janis Paige of Warner Bros., is illustrated as ideal for the young set. Black point d'esprit, softly draped across the bodice, joins an ankle length full-gathered skirt, with ballerina underskirt of pure silk crepe. Note the delicate elbow sleeves with soft flounce.

## Renommée

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## Home Made London Models

BY JOAN WHITE

London's leading fashion designers might almost have been working hand in glove with you and me this season, for their collections have been full of interesting ideas which can be easily copied by the girl with the small pay packet and big ideas.

Now we know that fashions have settled into a wearable combination of soft shoulders, neat waist, and discreetly emphasised hips, and are likely to stay that way for some time to come, we can safely play around with ideas, sure that they will not be ousted in a week by something quite different.

I have been toiling round the London collections, keeping an alert eye open for those distinctive details which mark the work of the big couturiers and which can be easily adapted to our own individual needs.

In London two-pieces in tweeds, suitings are being made to wear right through the day, from morning shopping to cocktails at six, for beneath their skilfully tailored jackets are very feminine dresses. One was in popper-and-silk tweed; beneath its business-like jacket the dress had a black velvet bodice. If therefore you tailored two-piece in one of the thin flexible tweeds which have appeared lately, you can easily make it follow London's lead by adding a beaded or sequined belt to the dress.

Sometimes the top of the dress would be of contrasting crepe-de-chine or satin, darted on to a high corselet-waisted skirt. In this case the jacket lining would match the top, and there might be gloves of the same silk. This is an idea which at once stamps an outfit as the work of a master, yet what could be simpler to carry out at home?

Even the making of gloves is not so tricky as you might imagine, provided you get a really good pattern, cut out accurately, and follow instructions implicitly. Silk jersey is a good material for early attempts at gloves.

Wrist-length gloves, by the way, in vivid lame and lined fabrics were worn with many of the dinner gowns. Does that suggest a way to ring the changes with your "good black" dinner frock? Add Mattill's stiffly up-

standing shawl to match, cover your evening bag with the same material and devise a little lame cap to wear with it, for restaurant wear.

### Travelling Clothes

Designers are giving a good deal of thought to travel clothes nowadays. The speed of post-war travel brings a great variety of climates and ways of life to within a few hours of London. Therefore adaptable aero-weight and sea-worthy ensembles played a big part in all the collections. I collected some good ideas and have amused myself for several evenings trying them out. The first, believe it or not, simply entails a button and a button-hole. Fasten a large button to the crown of your pull-on sports hat, make a corresponding buttonhole in the hood of your topcoat, and druggists round the neck are banished for ever. Another draught-excluder which wins top marks from me for glamour was a series of variations on the cap-and-scarf theme by Adele of Grosvenor Street.

Sometimes the cap had a strong family likeness to those worn by the French Foreign Legion, with velvet brims, the front of the crown tucked horizontally to give a good line, while from the top of the crown fell a square of fine wool or wool jersey, matching or contrasting, to be tied under the chin; or crossed behind and tied in front of the brim; or in a knot on top.

The advantage of this, for sea travel particularly, needs no emphasis: tied firmly under the chin and tucked into the enveloping collar of your travel coat, it keeps your ears warm and your hair immaculate, while, in the shelter of the cocktail lounge, your topcoat thrown aside, it can be knotted up into a more sophisticated style to keep your dress company. Sometimes the scarf, drawn firmly round the back of the hat, is looped on to a button above each ear and the ends draped in front like an Arab burnous. Incidentally, don't bother to tie your scarves afresh every time you put one on. Worth is making up the scarf first, in supple velvet, brisk faille, wool or crepe-de-chine; then it is fastened firmly with a stitch here and there, and finished off at the final closure with press studs.



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Somewhat I can never get that smooth look on my face after make-up, as some women seem to do. My nose looks over-powdered, and my whole face looks larger. What can I do? NOT-SO-SMOOTH.

Apparently you do not blend your make-up foundation to that all important smoothness which is the aim and object of make-up. The trick is in the blending. Use your finger-tips, to blend gently, smoothly until the desired effect is achieved.

Powdering is another process which requires a definite technique if you want your make-up to look good. Of all the defects in powdering the face, the most common are "over-powdering" and "uneven distribution," not to mention wrong shades.

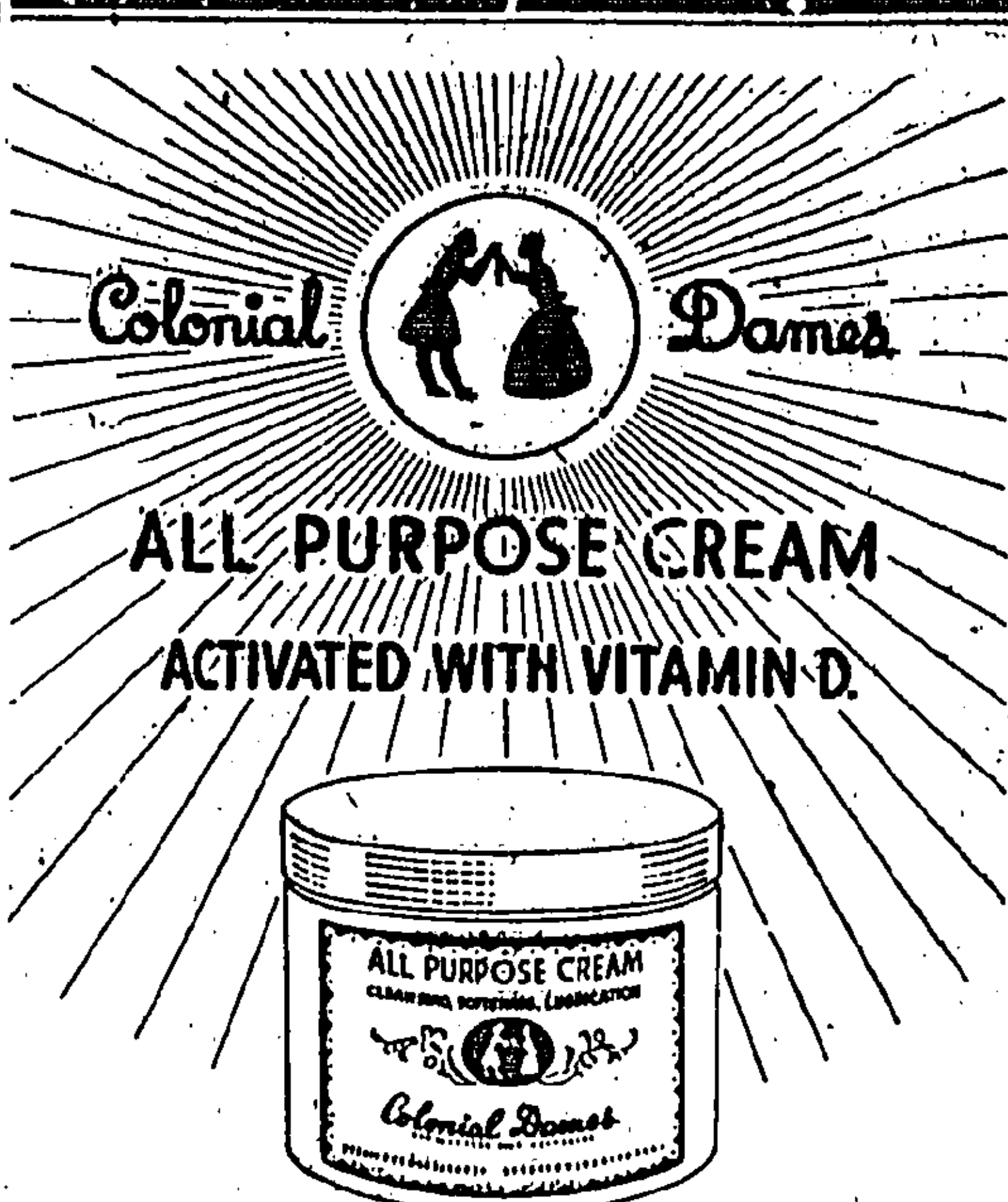
Some women simply rub their faces with the powder puff, which results in a streaky make-up. The powder should always be pressed on starting from the neck and working upwards. Never powder down. The nose should receive attention last of all, and should be lightly powdered at-

though it may mean powdering the nose too often.

The last but the most important is the use of a powder brush after you have applied the powder in the manner described above. All powdery powder must be brushed off. A powder brush is an absolute necessity, and if expertly used, it not only eliminates the danger of your face looking over-powdered, but also evenly distributes the powder to the face, thus providing a smooth finish.

Perhaps you are using a shade of powder that is too light for you, or this is the reason why your face looks larger after make-up. Try a warmer shade, just a tone darker than your natural skin. If your face is too wide, apply optical illusion in your make-up—that is, use a darker make-up on the sides of your face and lighter on the rest. But I must warn you that such tricks require expert handling and constant practice is necessary to achieve perfection, or the effect will be clownish.

Of course, the first requisite of a smooth make-up is a clean, clear skin. A good cleansing cream is simply a MUST ITEM.



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London, December 10. Price movements today were generally small and without significance. There was, however, an item of interest in industrial shares. Electrical and Musical Industries rose 1/20 to 217 on United States buying.

Another feature was provided by the Japanese in Austin motors on persistent support. Austin's new share was expected to rise to 100.

There was a long list of small declines in Government securities. Long-dated issues were particularly affected and many fell 1/2 p. per cent.

Recent speculative buyers of Brazilian rails were hurriedly getting out of the position today. This followed the company statement that assistance would be necessary to enable trading to continue.

Oil was occasionally easier but most of the day was flat. In the afternoon, oil prices moved lower in small selling by Cape and local operators.

RECURRING: British Consols, 215 1/2, 20 1/2; Conversion Loan, 100 1/2, 100 1/2; Funding Loan, 100 1/2, 100 1/2; War Loan, 100 1/2, 100 1/2; Victory Bonds, 100 1/2, 100 1/2.

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## Many Attend Fete, Fair For Services

Brilliant sunshine contributed to the success of the Fete and Fair at Flagstaff House yesterday. The ground was well filled long before Mrs. Madden, wife of Rear Admiral Madden, declared the Fete opened.

Introducing Mrs. Madden, Brigadier De Burgh-Morris said that this venture was the first of its kind in the colony. The proceeds will be donated to the General Fund for Improvements of facilities for clinics and to secure more food and clothing for the children.

He expressed thanks to the organisers, especially to Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Lamont and Mrs. Clague, who had played very important parts in making the fair a success.

He also thanked the members of the various services for their share in furnishing the stalls and mentioned HMS London, HMS Tamar, The Buffs and others.

Thanks were also extended to Messrs. Calbeck, MacGregor and Company, Lane, Crawford and Company, British Cigarette Company, A. S. Watson and Company, Dairy Farm, Gilman and Company, civilians and other small firms, for their numerous gifts.

After declaring the Fete opened, Mrs. Madden was presented with a bouquet by a little girl.

Numerous stalls and slideshows in the ground drew large crowds.

Among some of the stalls were: Choose your present, Aeroplane spin, Steady hand and wits games, Have your voice recorded, Shoot a goal, Jumble sale of clothing and toys, Hoopla, Darts, Wheel of fortune, Roll your own penny, Skittle, Dutch auction, Try your strength and Shooting gallery. There was also in addition to these stalls, pony rides for children.

The band of the 1st Battalion of the Buffs provided music.

## Local Estates Left By Residents

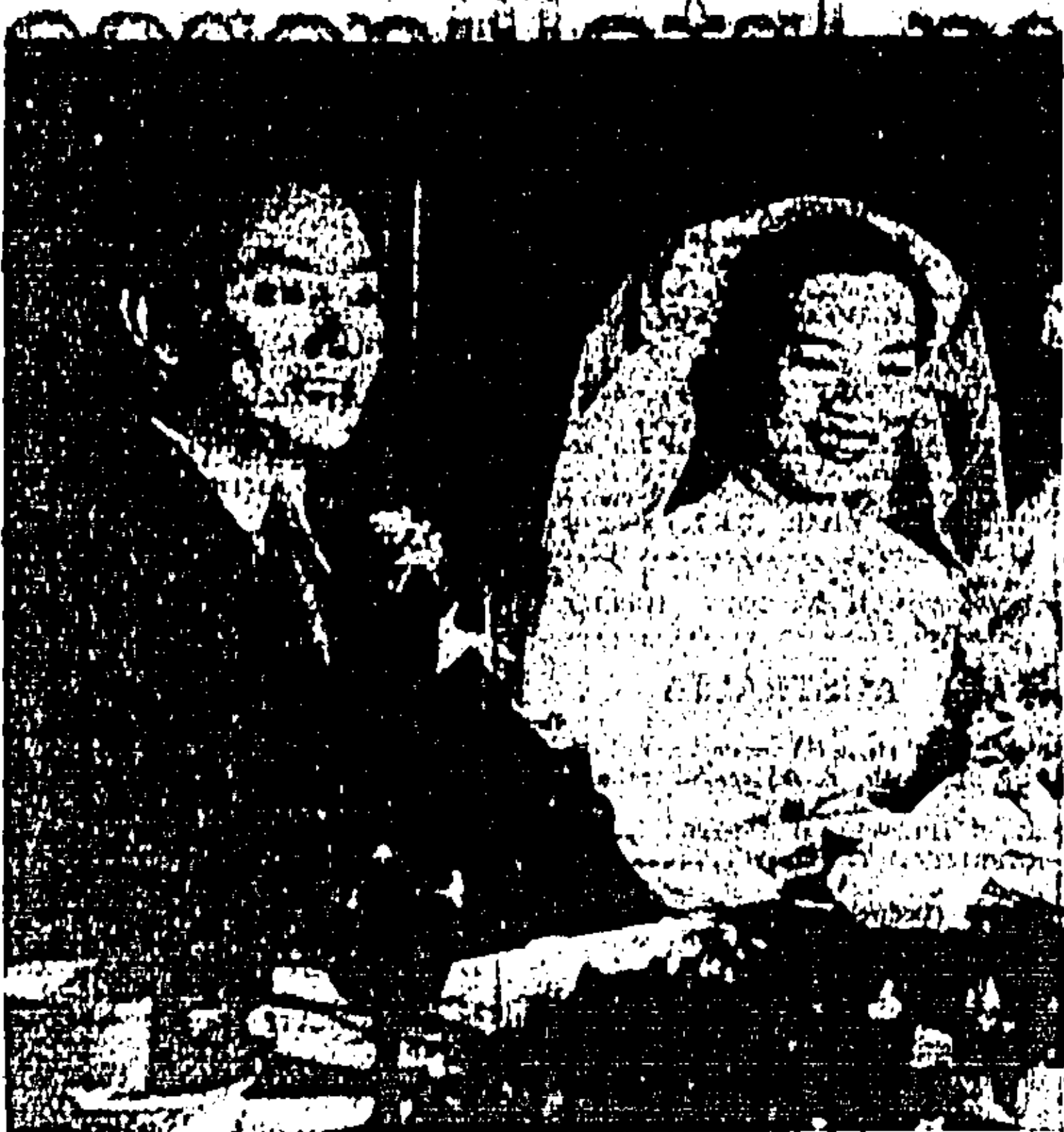
Local estate, sworn under \$90,000, was left by Mrs. Aileen Reid, of 10, Coronation Road, Great Crosby, Liverpool 23, who died at 14 Marine Terrace, Waterloo, Liverpool 22, on November 12, 1948.

An application for re-sealing certified copy Probate has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade, for and on behalf of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank (Hong Kong) Trustee Limited.

Mrs. Edith Marlene Perowie of 253 St. James Court, Buckingham Gate, London, who died on April 1, 1947, left local estate sworn under \$5,100. An application for re-sealing certified copy Probate has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade.

Letters of Administration to the estate of Mr. Enes Goularte D'Aquino, Retired Bank Clerk, formerly of 3 Salisbury Road, Kowloon, have been granted to his widow, Mrs. E. C. D'Aquino. Mr. D'Aquino, who died at the St. Raphael Hospital, Macao, on April 8, 1943, left local estate sworn under \$10,700.

Local estate, sworn under \$28,900, was left by Mr. Andrew Gassner of 23 The Gateways, Chelsea, London, who died at 9 Clifton Road, Bournemouth, on July 1, 1948. An application for re-sealing certified copy Probate has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade.



Mr. and Mrs. Chen smile after their wedding at St. Paul's Church yesterday.—"Sunday Herald" Photo.

## Chen-Chau Wedding At St. Paul's Church

The marriage of Mr. Alexander Chan Chong-chow to Miss Esther Chau Miu-yao at St. Paul's Church yesterday, joined together two prominent families in the Colony.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Yo-chien, and the bride the daughter of the well-known Dr. Chau Wai-chung and Mrs. Chau.

The marriage service was conducted by Rev. Canon Paul S. F. Tso.

Entering the church on the arm of her father, the bride was attired in a gown of pure white satin with silver lace, white gloves and shoes to match. She wore a short veil and carried a bouquet of white tuberoses and chrysanthemums.

The bridesmaids were Miss Dorcas Chau (bride's sister) and Miss Rosita Chen (Groom's sister) and wore dresses of pink and blue, respectively.

Flower girls were Miss Phippin Chen and Miss Kim Lin and they were dressed in blue and pink, respectively. Both carried bouquets similar to that of the bride.

The duty of best man was performed by Mr. Benjamin Cheng, while the page boys were Messrs. Richard Quin and Rezy To.

Immediately after the service a reception was held at the Griggs, Hong Kong Hotel.

In the evening a large Chinese banquet was held at the Kam Ling Restaurant.

The honeymoon will be spent in Bangkok and Saigon.

The couple were both undergraduates of the Hong Kong University before the hostilities and both continued their studies in Free China after the occupation of the Colony by the Japanese.

Miss Pennie Woo, youngest daughter of the late Doctor and Mrs. T. P. Woo was married to Doctor Fung Kam-tai, son of the late Mr. Fung Chin-yew, at All Saints' Church, Homantin, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon.

Archdeacon Lee Kau-yan officiated.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother Mr. John S. Woo, and wore a "Camille" creation of white tulle with insets of lace. The full length hand embroidered veil was held by a tulle of orange blossoms.

## MCC Score 442 For 6 Wickets

Johannesburg, December 10. The M.C.C. batted all day in their match with Transvaal here and when stumpers were drawn had run up the big score of 442 for the loss of six wickets.

The day's play was featured by a magnificent innings of 174 by Len Hutton and two big stands. Hutton was in his best form and not until he was trying to give the catch which dismissed him did he make a real slip.

Altogether he hit 28 four and one sixer during a hurricane display of hitting. Hutton and R.T. Simpson put on 200 for the second wicket, and Denis Compton and Alan Watkins had a stand of 149 for the fourth wicket.

Compton seemed to be heading for another century, but he mistimed a ball from Mitchell, whose swingers, mixed with an occasional leg break, worried most batsmen, and was clean bowled for 84.

This was Hutton's third century of the tour and he was in his best form, treating most bowlers with little respect and hitting with delightful freedom.

He has now an average of 84.42 for eight innings in first-class matches during the tour, having been once not out.

Watkins' form was excellent, considering the little cricket he has had since the tour began.

T. G. Evans, the wicket-keeper, and Alec Bedser, the England and Surrey medium paced bowler, were together when stumps were drawn, the former with 30 and Bedser 10.—Reuter.

## Results Of Darts League Tilts

Results of matches played on Friday, December 11: H.A.F. 1st Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 2nd Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 3rd Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 4th Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 5th Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 6th Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 7th Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 8th Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 9th Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 10th Team, 5-0.

Standings: H.A.F. 1st Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 2nd Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 3rd Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 4th Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 5th Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 6th Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 7th Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 8th Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 9th Team, 5-0; H.A.F. 10th Team, 5-0.

## Modern Wharf For Hire

The Custodian Wharf (formerly Osaka Shosen Kaisha Wharf), most modern wharf on the island, is for hire, according to an official statement yesterday.

The statement said that sealed tenders for the hire of the wharf will be accepted up to 12 noon on December 22. The tenancy will be on a month-to-month basis commencing on January 1 next year.

Fuller particulars may be obtained from the Custodian of Property (Tel: 39266).

## REFEREES' LINE-UP

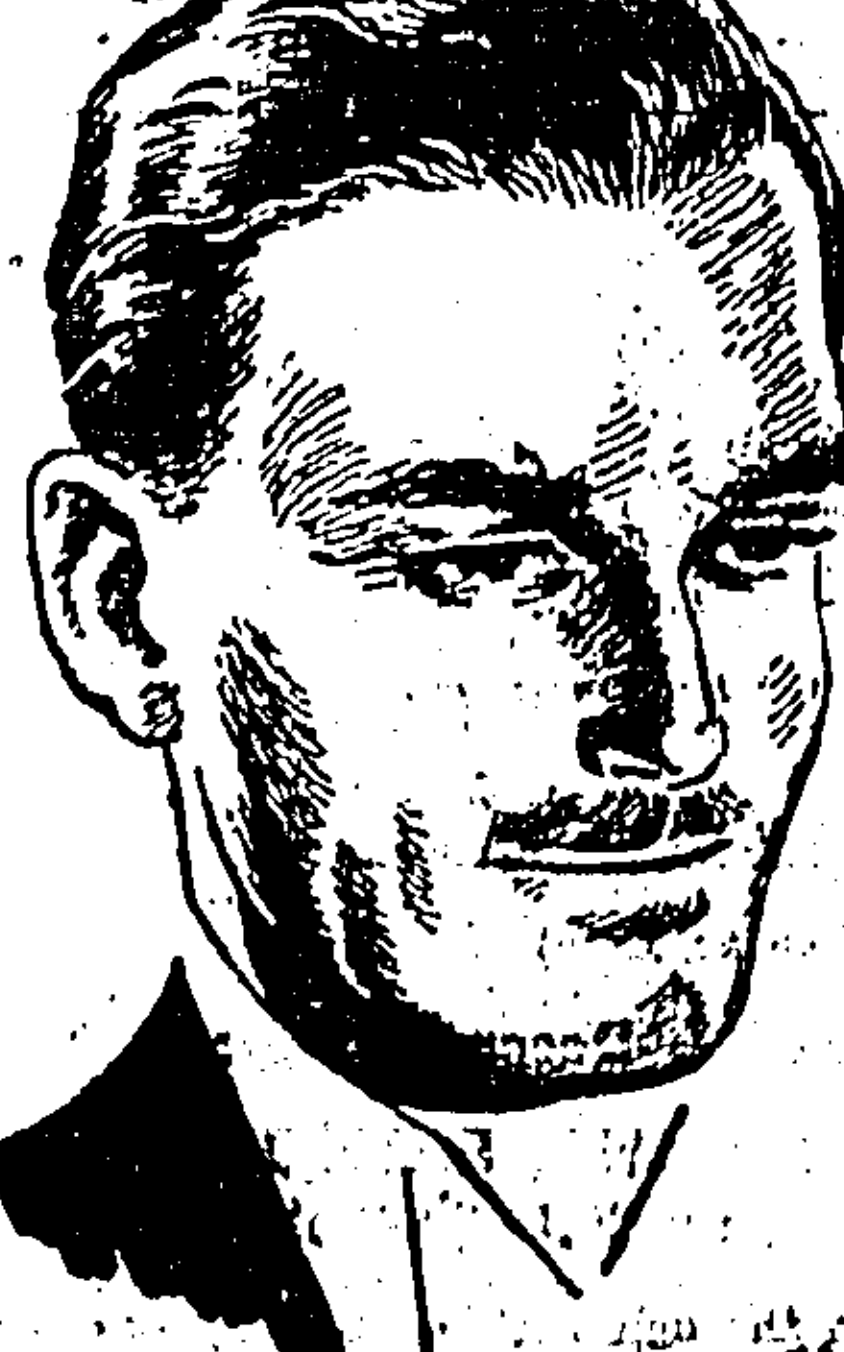
The following have been chosen to represent the Referees in a friendly soccer match against the Combined Press at Boundary Street today kick-off 2.15 p.m. Mak Yeung-fai, Leung Yuk-tong, Crawford, J. Ward, Davey W. Gaffney, N. Delgo, C. Tunstall, Willis, Fui George and Cheng Moon-wing.

Reserves: J.E. da Silva, A.E.P. Guest and Day.

Team Manager: F.A. Barretto. Referee: Mr. K.K. Ip.

The match will be of 40 minutes duration—20 minutes each way—with an interval of five minutes.

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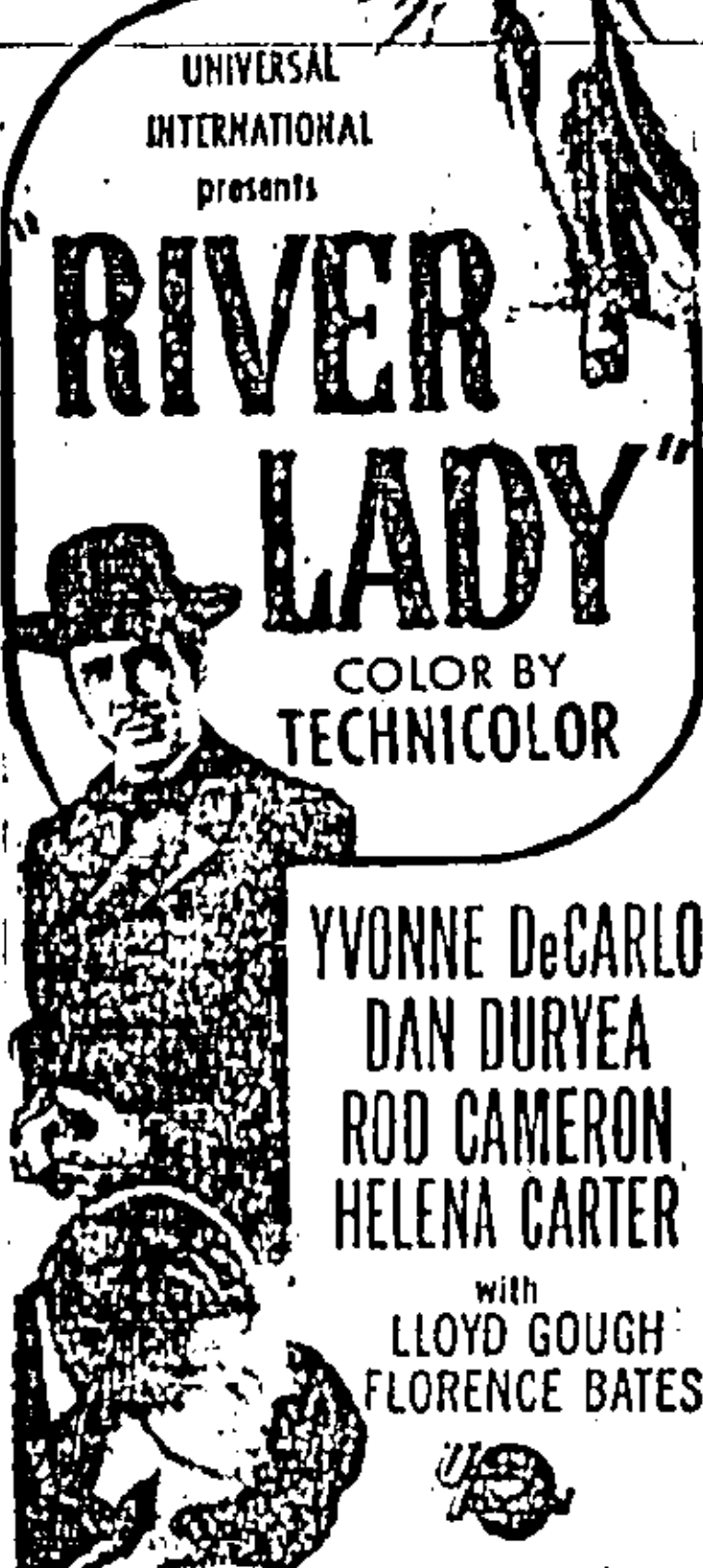
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## HKCC Register Double Win Again

RAF, Army Draw;  
IRC Lose To HKU

The Hong Kong Cricket Club again registered the "double" in their first division cricket matches yesterday, both the "Optimists" and the "Scorpions" winning comfortably against Kowloon Cricket Club and Craigongower respectively. RAF and Army shared honours in their match at Sookunpoo, although at the close of play, the Airmen were definitely on top.

At King's Park, Royal Navy went down badly to Club de Recreo, who won by five wickets after dismissing the sailors for only 27 runs. University, who were guests of the Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo, surprised their hosts by taking full points as the result of a narrow victory by four runs.

In the Second Division, Royal Navy Juniors avenged the defeat of their Seniors by inflicting the heaviest defeat of the season on Club de Recreo Juniors, whom they beat by 10 wickets.

**Optimists—KCC**  
Entertaining KCC at Chater Road, HKCC "Optimists" beat their guests by three wickets. KCC went in to bat first and were dismissed for 111 runs. Apart from Fincher, who scored 45, the only other KCC batsmen to reach double figures were Zimmerman (19) and Lee (15).

Mahon was the most successful of the bowlers for "Optimists" taking three wickets for 21 runs. The "Optimists" lost seven wickets before passing the KCC total. M.M. Little, opening batsman in fine form and had 56 runs not out to his credit at the close of play. N.R. Oliver was next top-scorer with 26.

**KCC**  
E.C. Fincher, c Kilbee, b Howard, 45  
N. Hart Baker, c Mahon, b Smith, 11  
A. Zimmerman, c and b Franklin, 19  
W.D.M. Webb, b McLellan, 15  
F.R. Zimmerman, b McLellan, 15  
C.J. Smith, b Smith, 11  
G.E. Taylor, c Franklin, b McLellan, 11  
J.H. Hewitt, not out, 0  
Extras, 0

Total for 7 wickets 111  
Bowling Analysis  
O M R W  
Mahon 8 2 21 3  
Smith 11 0 41 2  
Franklin 2 0 14 1  
McLellan 3 1 14 3  
Rowe 2 0 11 0  
Howard 1 0 2 0

**"OPTIMISTS"**  
M.M. Little, not out, 56  
R.W. Franklin, c Smith, b Divecha, 16  
N.R. Oliver, c F. Zimmerman, b G.T. Rowe, b Lee, 26  
L.D. Kilbee, c Hewitt, b Lee, 15  
W.L. Howard, c Webb, b Divecha, 0  
T.P. Mahon, c and b Lee, 7  
K.A. Miller, b F. Zimmerman, 0  
D. McLellan, not out, 1

Total for 7 wickets 115  
Bowling Analysis  
O M R W  
F.R. Zimmerman 7 1 28 1  
R.E. Lee 11 1 39 3  
M.J. Divecha 11 1 43 3  
N. Hart Baker 2 0 5 0

**CCC—Scorpions**  
Playing at home, Craigongower put up a very poor display against HKCC "Scorpions" and were beaten by nine wickets.

Against the deadly bowling of Pearce, who took six wickets for eight runs in 3.3 overs, the Valley team were only able to secure 32 runs, to which their Captain, G.A. Souza, contributed 29.

"Scorpions" lost one wicket before passing the Valley team's total and went on to score 191 for nine, when stumpings were drawn. T.H. Leach gave a sound batting performance for the "Scorpions", knocking up 41 before being caught by Hollands off Hong Choy.

**CCC**  
G. Hong Choy, b Clague, 4  
P.J. Billimoria, b Pearce, 6  
H. Tui, b Clague, 0  
G.A. Souza, c and b Pearce, 29  
S. Ramchand, c and b Pearce, 1  
R.O. Baker, c sub, b Pearce, 1  
A.H. Ismail, b Pearce, 4  
S. Hollands, b Pearce, 4  
S. Leonard, b Pearce, 0  
J.L. Youngs, b Pearce, 0  
T. Crabtree, not out, 0  
Extras, 0

Total for 9 wickets 191  
Bowling Analysis  
O M R W  
J.D. Clague 3 0 9 2  
F. Howard 5 0 11 0  
Gee 6 3 20 2  
T. Pearce 3.3 0 8 6

**IRC—University**  
In a low scoring game at Sookunpoo, University beat Indian Recreation Club by four runs. In the first, the Undergraduates were only able to collect 72 runs, to which J. M. Gosano contributed a valuable 31.

Arculli was in deadly form with the ball, capturing six wickets for 26 runs, the Indians failed miserably, the whole side being skittled out for 68 runs. The only batsmen to stand up to the bowling of the Undergraduates were Nazarin (17), Kitchell (16) and Ismail (13).

H. Leach took seven wickets for 32 runs, while J. C. Koh dismissed the other three batsmen for only 17 runs.

**UNIVERSITY**  
S. M. Teh, b Ismail, 15  
F. L. Arculli, 11  
J. M. Gosano, c Nazarin, b Arculli, 1  
J. M. Gosano, 1  
L. T. Ride, c Nazarin, b Arculli, 1  
D. Chelliah, c Kitchell, b Arculli, 12  
D. G. Honson, c Baker, b Kitchell, 0  
S. A. Vannar, not out, 1  
C. L. Huang, c Samy, b Kitchell, 1  
T. H. Leach, c Abbas, b Kitchell, 7  
J. C. Koh, b Arculli, 1  
H. C. Amann, b Arculli, 0  
Extras, 1

Total for 9 wickets 191  
Bowling Analysis  
O M R W  
P.J. Billimoria 11 2 50 2  
T. Crabtree 13 3 40 1  
S. Ramchand 5 0 28 0  
G. Hong Choy 8 0 38 4

**Navy—Recreo**  
The Royal Navy XI found the Club de Recreo much too strong for them at King's Park and came off losers by five wickets. G.M. Gosano was in fine fettle. He took three wickets for the loss of 13 runs, and scored 53 not out.

A.P. Pereira, Gosano's partner in bowling, scored a "hat-trick" by taking White's, Evans's and Fluck's wickets within four minutes of each other.

Evans, going in after Thornley had been run out, lasted three minutes before the wicket, while Fluck, following Evans, was dismissed for a duck a minute later.

**ROYAL NAVY**  
White, b Pereira, 2  
Workman, b Beltrao, b G.N. Gosano, 0  
Parrish, c Prata, b Pereira, 5  
Hart, b G.N. Gosano, 1  
Thornley, run out, 7

Total for 5 wickets 108  
Bowling Analysis  
O M R W  
Hart 0 2 31 5  
White 15 0 45 2  
Hann 5 0 25 1  
Brown 1 0 6 0

Evans, b Pereira, 0  
Fluck, c G.N. Gosano, b Pereira, 0  
Stedman, c E.L. Gosano, b G.N. Gosano, 0  
Hann, b Pereira, 0  
Brown, not out, 0  
Anhill, c Prata, b Pereira, 0  
Extras, 0

**SECOND DIVISION**  
**Recreo—Navy**  
The Club de Recreo Second XI received the worst thrashing of the season when they went down to the Royal Navy by 10 wickets at King's Park.

Battling first, the Portuguese players found the deadly bowling of E. Noise and J. Windmill much too good for them. None of the batsmen lasted long before the wickets, with the exception of E. A. R. Alves and J. A. Soares both of whom reached double figures.

The Recreo boys were all dismissed in under 15 overs, five of which were maidens, and after only having chalked up a total of 53 runs on the board.

Opposing the innings for the Royal Navy, C. Hughes and F. Harrison retired with the score at 54, thus giving their team a clear 10 wickets victory.

**RECREO**  
D. E. Remedios, c & b E. Noise, 8  
L. J. Remedios, c & b E. Noise, 6  
A. Osmond, b E. Noise, 0  
J. L. S. Alves, c Parr-Wright, 0  
L. E. Gutierrez, b F. Noise, 0  
E. A. R. Alves, c Hughes, b E. Noise, 14  
J. A. Soares, c Windmill, b E. Noise, 12  
C. A. Gutierrez, c Mellan, b J. Windmill, 3  
J. Windmill, 3  
A. A. Gutierrez, not out, 3  
Y. Vanevitch, b J. Windmill, 0  
A. V. Lopes, b J. Windmill, 0  
Extras, 9

Total for 5 wickets 53  
Bowling Analysis  
O M R W  
E. Noise 7 3 16 7  
J. Windmill 7 3 29 3

**ROYAL NAVY**  
C. Hughes, retired, 33  
F. Harrison, retired, 21  
J. Windmill, c & b A. A. Gutierrez, 3  
D. Mellan, retired, 30  
G. Rath, retired, 11  
W. Parr-Wright, c & b J. Soares, 0  
E. Noise, c & b L. Remedios, 0  
A. Maylor, retired hurt, 0  
Bentley, run out, b L. Remedios, 4  
R. Price, not out, 16  
Extras, 21

Total for 10 wickets 139  
Bowling Analysis  
O M R W  
C. A. Gutierrez 6 0 25 0

## RAF—Army

The match at Sookunpoo between RAF and Army resulted in a draw. RAF had first lease of the wicket and declared after scoring 131 for six. M. D. Marshall top-scored with 77, the next best effort being 36 by D. M. Gall. French-Blake took two wickets for 77 runs.

Against the devastating bowling of Graham (4 for 15) and Gambrell (2 for 33), Army had lost seven wickets for 65 runs at the close of play.

**RAF**  
D. M. Gall, c Dawe, b Stepto, 36  
M. D. Marshall, c Dawe, b Bell, 37  
R. K. Hinchinwood, c Banton, 7  
R. Morris, b Banton, 0  
A. D. Banton, lbw French-Blake, 26  
J. S. Beirne, not out, 9  
R. C. Howard, c Stepto, b French-Blake, 5  
Extras, 9

Total for 5 wickets declared 131  
Bowling Analysis  
O M R W  
D. Graham, c W. Hayhurst, 11  
H. Gambrell, c A. Hodgson, did not bat

**ARMY**  
A. R. Dawe, c and b Graham, 3  
C. M. Bucknall, b Graham, 7  
D. Burton, c Graham, b Gambrell, 3  
M. French-Blake, c Hayhurst, b Hinchinwood, 0  
C. R. Murray Brown, b Graham, 10  
R. Twelvetees, c Hinchinwood, b Graham, 13  
Eanton, not out, 7  
A. Stepto, b Graham, 6  
A. H. Bell, not out, 0  
Extras, 10

Total for 7 wickets 65  
Bowling Analysis  
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Graham 10 3 15 4  
Hinchinwood 2 0 4 1

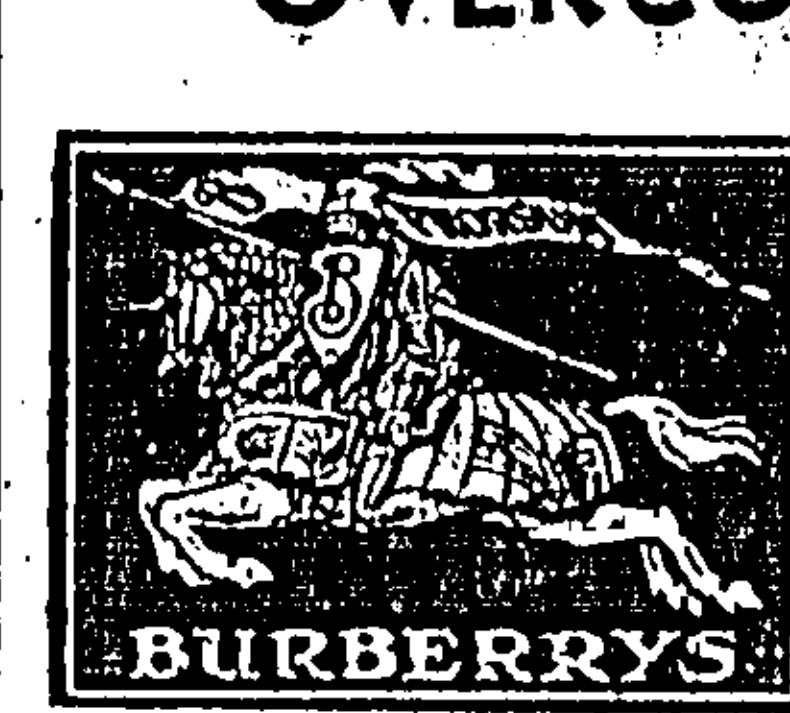
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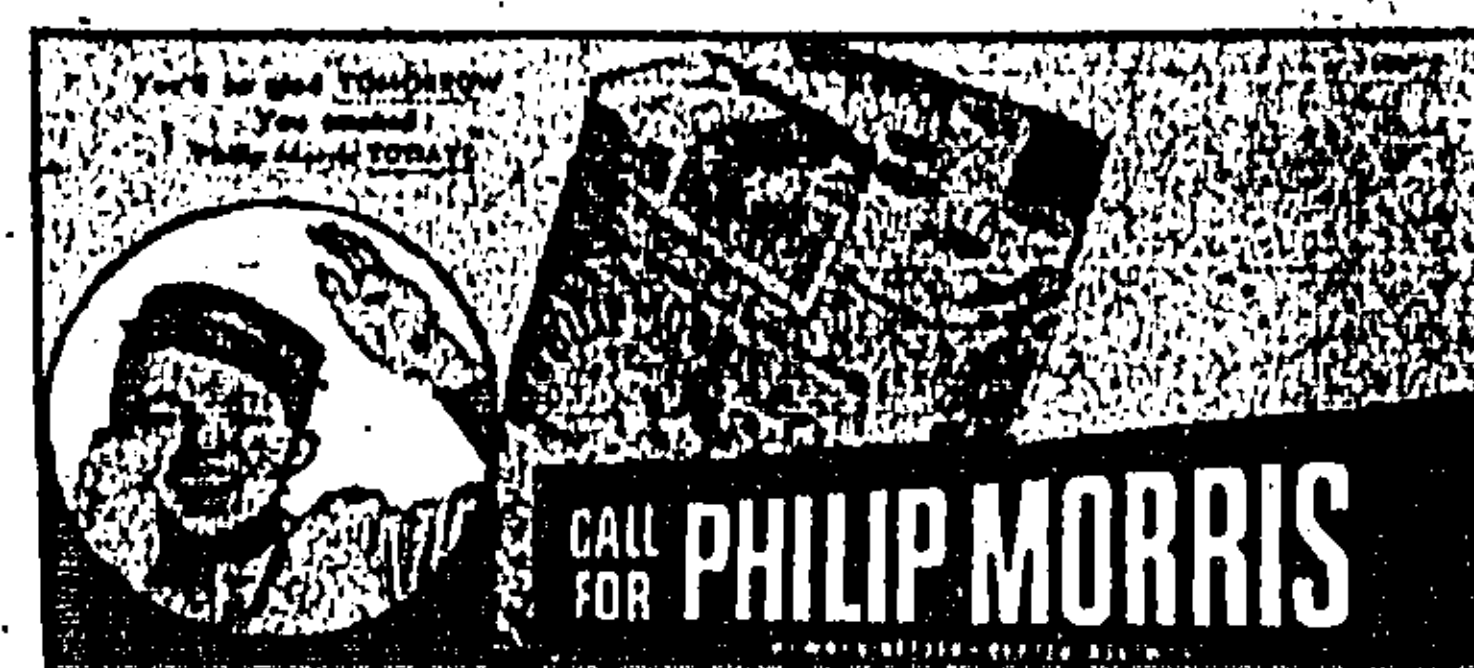
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## ARMY XI DISAPPOINTS AGAINST KIT CHEE

The Army Soccer XI disappointed their supporters badly yesterday when, in the only upset in the First Division, they went down to Kit Chee by two goals to one at Causeway Bay.

South China "A" scored a narrow victory over Chinese A.A. at Boundary Street, winning by two goals to one, after being led at the interval.

The game between South China "B" and St. Joseph's at Caroline Hill ended in a draw, the teams sharing two goals.

Kowloon Motor Bus easily accounted for RAF at Sookun-poo, scoring six times without reply.

In the Junior Division, Police caused the biggest surprise of the afternoon by defeating the local Chinese A.A. by two goals to one in a fast and exciting game at Boundary Street.

### Chinese A.A. 1— S. China 'A' 2

South China were the first to become dangerous, but Lai Shiu-wing spoiled a good chance of giving his side the lead in the first minute by shooting weakly from close range.

The Amateurs took the ball up and Yu Yiu-tak was forced to concede a corner which the Amateurs failed to turn to advantage.

A move in front of the South China goalmouth resulted in a goal, but it was ruled off-side and the goal disallowed.

Maintaining pressure, the Amateurs took the lead when a brilliant passing movement between Cheuk-cheung and Kwok Ching-chung culminated in Kwok Ching-chung's shot with a crashing drive to the top of the net.

Heartened by this success, the Amateurs swarmed over the South China defence, which was given a terrific battering. Yu Yiu-tak was playing a grand game between the sticks, for South China and were it not for his display, the Amateurs would most assuredly have gone further ahead.

South China obtained their equalizer through Chang Kwan-hoi, who netted with a brilliant header following a scrimmage in the Amateurs' goalmouth.

South China took the lead unexpectedly when their right half, after gaining possession of the ball about 30 yards out suddenly sent in a fast shot with Yu Kiu-yun unslighted. Before Yu Kiu-yun knew what was happening, the ball was in the net.

This goal served to knock the spirit out of the Amateurs, who were, for practically the remainder of the game led a merry dance by South China.

Chinese A.A. Yu Kiu-yun, Lee Piu-nam, Ho Bing, Chan Kwan-pui, Chow Ching-chung, Leung Piu-sun, Kwok Ching-chung, Ho Yau-ki, Lo Wah-sing, Lai Shiu-ping and Cheung Moon-wing.

R. China "A": Yu Yiu-tak, Hsu Yuen-pang, Teo Kam-hung, Cheung Shing-lung, Wong Kiu-keung, Lam Ching-choi, Chu Wai-keung, Fung Kiu-choi, Chan Kit-chung, Lai Shiu-ping and Ho Yiu-fan.

Kit Chee 2—Army 1.  
The standard of play in this match did not reach the high spots and if the Army front line could have got moving, then the result may well have been reversed.

Under pressure, the Army defence seemed to wilt and many a time Nasser was forced to pass back to his goal keeper, Cordell. Ramskill could not get moving and in the second half switched places with Goldrick.

Within six minutes, the Chinese went ahead when, in a goalmouth scramble, Mok Kam-chung managed to put the ball past Cordell.

With one in the bag, Kit Chee went out for more and attacked strongly.

A fine movement developed on their left flank and Wong crossed a ball that Nasser did well to clear out of the goal-line when Cordell appeared beaten.

Then Army took up the attack and after a good run on the right, Brown crossed over a high ball which the inside man headed just wide. It was clear that the Saints were going all out for the equalizer and they came down into the Chinese half in force.

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RAF 0 K. Motor Bus 6

Club 0 K. Motor Bus 4  
Police 2 Chinese A.A. 2  
Army Kin. 3 Kit Chee 2  
South China 2 St. Joseph's 0  
Dockyard 3 St. Joseph's 1  
PCA 1 Tramways 1  
Solicitors v University  
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## Home Football Results

London, December 11.

The following were the results of football matches played today:

### FA Cup—Second Round

Aldershot 1 Chester 0  
Bradford C. 0 N. Brighton 0  
(not possible for extra time to be played owing to bad light)

Crews 3 Millwall 2  
Bristol 3 Swansea 1  
Dundlington 1 Orient 0  
Exeter 2 Hereford 0  
Gateshead 3 Scarborough 0  
Hull 0 Reading 0

(Extra time played)  
Leyton 3 Newport 4  
(Extra time played)

Mansfield 2 Northampton 1  
(Extra time played)

Notts C. 3 Barrow 2  
Souththorpe 0 Stockport 1  
Southport 2 York 2  
(Extra time played)

Torquay 3 Norwich 1  
Walsall 4 Gainsborough 3  
Walthamstow 2 Oldham 2  
(Extra time played)

Weymouth 0 Yeovil 4

Birmingham 0 Sunderland 0  
Burnley 2 Blackpool 0  
Cardiff 4 Wolves 1  
Everton 1 Bolton 0

Manchester C. 3 Huddersfield 1  
Middlebro 0 Villa 0  
Newcastle 3 Sheffield U. 2  
Preston 2 Manchester U. 2  
Preston 3 Liverpool 2  
Stoke 4 Derby 2  
Charlton 4 Arsenal 3

Kit Chee—Chu Shu-hang, Mok Kam-chung, Lee Ping-chiu, Yau Wah-shing, Lo Wah-kuen, Tang Kwok-sun, Wu Chun-chung, Kwok Yiu-ke, Cheung Chung-kang and Wong King-chung.

Army—Cordell, Hughes, Nasser, Weatherall, Craighead, Mansson, Brown, Knox, Byrnes, Ramskill and Goldrick.

S. China 'B' 1—  
St. Joseph's 1

South China enjoyed more of the ball than the Saints in the first half, but it was not until a minute before half time that they were able to take the lead.

Leonard, an leader of the Saints' attack, worked hard throughout, but received little support from his team mates. Xavier and Omar showed up well and their speedy runs down the wing had the Chinese defence very much worried.

Pereira, who played in the centre half, worked hard to give a sound display and kept a close watch on Chan Tak-fai.

South China assumed the offensive from the start, but the Saints' defence was, as usual, playing a fine spoiling game.

The Chinese were unable to get the ball into the net.

Au Chiu-yin netted with a brilliant header for S. China when the game was 25 minutes old, but he was ruled off-side by the linesman.

The Chinese were by no means upset and continued to exert pressure, their forwards indulging in a number of well executed movements. Just before half time, their efforts were rewarded when, following a scramble in front of the Saints' goalmouth, Chan Tak-fai managed to get the ball and put it past Brown to give his side the lead.

Taking the field one goal in arrears on resumption, the Saints immediately settled down to play better football than they did in the first half.

After 10 minutes' play, the Saints, who had taken the initiative, obtained the equalizer through Xavier, who sent in a fast cross shot which entered the further side of the net with Choy well and truly beaten.

With the score equal, both sides strived hard to gain the winning goal. The ball was rapidly transferred from end to end, but the defences predominated and the final whistle must have brought relief to a hard pressed Army defence.

Ten minutes after the restart, the Kit Chee line was set in motion by an accurate pass to Tang Kwong-sun. The winger sped away, outpaced the Amateurs who were, for practically the remainder of the game led a merry dance by South China.

Chinese A.A. Yu Kiu-yun, Lee Piu-nam, Ho Bing, Chan Kwan-pui, Chow Ching-chung, Leung Piu-sun, Kwok Ching-chung, Ho Yau-ki, Lo Wah-sing, Lai Shiu-ping and Cheung Moon-wing.

Kit Chee 2—Army 1.  
The standard of play in this match did not reach the high spots and if the Army front line could have got moving, then the result may well have been reversed.

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### Second Division

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Chesterfield 3 Barnsley 2  
Bury 1 Notts F. 1  
Coventry 2 Luton 0  
Leeds 1 Queen's P. R. 2  
Leicester 2 Carlisle 2  
Lincoln 1 Southampton 2  
Sheffield W. 2 Bradford 0  
Spurs 3 Plymouth 0  
West Brom 5 Grimsby 2  
West Ham 1 Fulham 0

Third Division (North)  
Accrington 1 Hartlepool 2

Scottish League Div. "A"  
Aberdeen 1 Queen's P. R. 2  
Clyde 1 Albion Rovers 0  
Falkirk 1 Hibernian 0  
Heart of Midlothian 1 East Fife 0  
Motherwell 0 Dundee 2  
Rangers 4 Morton 1  
St. Mirren 1 Celtic 1  
Thistle 1 Partick Th. 2

Scottish League Div. "B"  
Aberdeen 7 St. Johnstone 1  
Alloa 0 Dunfermline 0  
Arbroath 5 Hamilton A.C. 1  
Ayr United 1 Stirling 1  
Cowdenbeath 1 Stirling Albion 1  
Dumbarton 1 Stirling Albion 1  
Dundee United 5 Queen's P. 2  
Ruthfords 3 Kilmarnock 2

Friendly Matches  
Brighton 2 Bristol R. 1  
Cardiff 1 Walsley 1  
Doncaster 0 Palace 1  
Ipswich 2 Watford 2  
Rochdale 0 Port Vale 0  
Rotherham 5 Bournemouth 1  
Wrexham 1 Swindon 2  
— Reuter.

## Club Beat Army XV In Exciting Rugby Match

In the most exciting rugby game of the season, Club beat Army by 9 points to 3 at Happy Valley yesterday, one of the most outstanding features of the game being the brilliant performance of the Club forwards.

The most prominent player on the field was John Henderson, whose display was the best seen for a long time.

Club forwards were even better than anticipated, their packing going well-nigh perfect, which gave their backs the ball from all but six of the set scrums.

In the loose, they were also on top of the Army pack.

It is difficult to pick out any one forward in particular—they were all superb—but mention must be made of Alex Taylor and Farquharson in their line-outs; time and again these two got the ball and passed it back to Lochlan, who immediately got his backs moving.

In the loose, Warner played the perfect wing forward game. The lack of Army attacking moves can be traced back to his lack of lack of Roberts, who was given few chances to move.

Perhaps the most outstanding figure on the field, however, was John Henderson, whose general football sense saved Club time and time again; his defensive kicking and cut through in attack being well-nigh perfect.

Army were little behind Club, but the loss of the ball in the tight scrums against them throughout; whenever their backs did get the ball, they proved dangerous, especially on the wings. Only hard tackling prevented them from going over on two occasions.

From the spectators' point of view, it was the most exciting game of the season and for the players, the most exciting.

Beautiful Goal  
From the kick-off, Club went on to the attack and after Army were penalized for lying on the ball, John Henderson kicked a beautiful goal to put Club 3 points ahead.

Club continued to attack and when play swung over to the right, Robinson dribbled up to the Army line, but lost the ball when it bounced awkwardly. Club were not to be denied, however, and eventually Franklin went over for a beautiful try which was converted.

Army now began to attack and Tucker missed a difficult penalty. Robinson, for Club, then took play right up into the Army half with a grand run, immediately followed by a quick break through by Franklin, who was playing an excellent game, which Army just managed to stop on the line.

Play continued in midfield until half time, the score then being Club 6 Army 0.

On resumption, Club again attacked, but Farquharson missed a penalty kick, however, their forwards took the ball back to the line and after a good run on the right, Brown crossed over a high ball which the inside man headed just wide. It was clear that the Saints were going all out for the equalizer and they came down into the Chinese half in force.

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## Hong Kong's Bowlers Win Aitkenhead Shield

The Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association season was officially closed yesterday when the final classic event between Hong Kong and Kowloon for the Aitkenhead Shield was won by the former, after an exciting game, by three shots, the final result being 234-231.

At the conclusion of the game, prizes won during the season were distributed by Mrs. McKelvie, wife of the Vice-President of the Association.

Hong Kong won on six out of the 12 rinks with one finished all even.

The biggest victory was, however, chalked up by Remedios' four over Jilott rinks by 17 shots. Pollock and Xavier had an exciting game, both sides scoring 19 shots.

Frank Goodwin beat U. M. Omar, but during the course of the game conceded a seven to the latter. A. M. Omar beat veteran McKelvie by five shots. Omar scored two fives during the game.

Successful Season  
Before calling upon